

Loaded Kalashnikovs in Cortina Police appeal over Irishman in gun chase

By MARK SOUSTER

A YOUNG Irishman was being questioned at a London police station last night after guns were found in his Ford Cortina in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The car was stopped by a squad car in Wood Green after a high-speed chase through north London. A number of weapons were found inside, including two AK-47 Kalashnikov rifles, which were loaded and ready for use.

Last night, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch issued an urgent appeal for help in finding where the man was living. Commander George Churchill, who is leading the hunt for the IRA active service units responsible for the bombings at Eltham and Wembley last week, said: "It is absolutely essential we find out where this man was living and quickly."

Police also appealed for help in finding a red Peugeot 205, index number HIW 2221 "or similar" that was believed to have been following the Cortina when it was stopped. The registration number is from Londonderry.

A vehicle matching that description, with a number one digit different, was found in the car park of the Pavilion public house in Shepherd's Bush, west London, yesterday afternoon, and four men were questioned. However, no connection with the incident in north London had been established last night. On previous operations in main-



Approximately 3.00am car travelling east stopped by police. Weapons found, man arrested and detained.

land Britain, the IRA has avoided using cars with Irish number plates.

The man driving the Cortina was last night being questioned at Paddington Green police station, having been detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He is aged between 18 and 20, 5ft 8ins tall, of stocky build, weighing about 12 stone, and speaks with a soft Irish accent. He was wearing a white Irish World Cup T-shirt.

His V-registration Cortina, whose tax disc expired in December, had been bought for £500 in March from a north London address, where it had been parked with a "for sale" sign on display.

The police squad car stopped it in Lordship Lane, Wood Green, at 3am yesterday after it was seen being driven erratically, and officers found the guns on the back seat. The weapons were said to be loaded and ready for use and, according to one report, had only recently been dug up. Scotland Yard discounted reports that a semtex explosive had also been recovered.

Scotland Yard refused to confirm a spate of conflicting reports about the incident yesterday. One witness spoke of at least two men in the vehicle with one having escaped over a fence. Another told of a man escaping in a back-up vehicle.

Mr Costa Theodorou, who owns a kebab restaurant in Lordship Lane said that one of the two officers who stopped the Cortina found the rifles on the back seat. "He took a gun from the car, loaded a magazine, checked it and threw it back. He did this four times. I was a bit shocked," Mr Theodorou said he heard one officer ask his colleague if the weapon was real, to which he

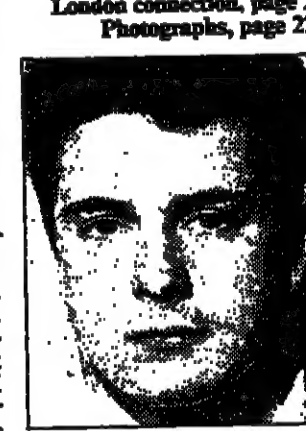
replied, "yes". Mr Theodorou said he was certain the rifle was a Kalashnikov because it had a curved magazine.

Within minutes, a 250-yard area was cordoned off and members of the anti-terrorist branch examined the Cortina, which had stopped at an angle near the junction of Lordship Lane and Westbury Avenue. The boot and bonnet were inspected and the back seat and side panels from the doors removed. Forensic scientists examined the car for several hours before it was removed at about 9.30am. Homes near by were evacuated because of fears of a possible bomb. They congregated at a public house until the all clear was given.

It is understood that the AK-47s were probably dug up from a cache outside London. If that were the case, it would suggest that the IRA had returned to the method it used in the late 1970s with mainland operations, avoiding storing weaponry in the capital. There were two important semtex finds in north London last year, one at Stoke Newington and another on Hampstead Heath.

There have been three IRA attacks on low-security military establishments this year. In the past 21 months, 12 soldiers have died in Irish republican mainland strikes and dozens more have been injured. Eleven servicemen were killed in the bombing last September of the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal, Kent, and a sergeant died in the Wembley explosion last week.

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The arrested man Urgent hunt to find his home



Home strait: Steinlager 2 running past the Needles yesterday with a flotilla of small boats to salute her win

The sails that beat the world

By ALAN HAMILTON

THOUSANDS of spectators, apparently including every Kiwi in Britain, packed the quayside to applaud Steinlager 2's win in the most thrilling finish to the Whitbread Round The World Yacht Race since it was first sailed in 1968. The 83ft ketch is the only boat in the event's history to have won the race outright as well as all six individual legs.

After 128 days' sailing and 32,932 nautical miles of ocean from the Needles to the Horn and back, Peter Blake and his 15-man crew sailed Steinlager 2 into the nautical record books at 5.23pm on a brilliant English spring day with their closest rival, Grant Dalton, a fellow New Zealander on the ketch Fisher & Paykel, only two miles and less than 30 minutes behind.

Competitors left Fort Lauderdale in Florida 17 days ago on the last leg. In third place last night was Merit, a surprisingly successful entry from land-locked Switzerland, followed by Rothmans, skippered by Lawrie Smith, the first British boat home.

On Monday night the two New Zealand leaders were virtually neck and neck off Land's End, but yesterday's light headwind appeared to suit Steinlager better. Off Bournemouth Bay she rigged her mizzen staysail, the equivalent of kicking in a car turbo charger, and began to open the gap, passing the Needles at more than 11 knots and with a three-mile lead. She passed Calshot Spit and entered Southampton Water with her rust-red spinnaker billowing in the light air.

In the sheltered water she almost lost what little wind there was, and finished at a crawl.

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Vandals on patrol

Some private guards patrolling Britain's military bases have committed acts of vandalism while on duty, the Commons defence committee discloses today. Others are "so hopeless" they are afraid of the dark or too weak to lift a security barrier. Page 2

Police 'crisis'

Battered by media criticism, unsupported by ministers and hamstringed by financial cuts, Britain's police are facing a crisis, the Police Federation has told. Page 2

Comedian dies

MAX Wall, the comedian, whose 60-year career spanned music hall, radio, television and serious theatre, died yesterday aged 82. Page 3
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Scargill warning

Mr Arthur Scargill said that industrial action might be necessary to protect 7,500 jobs that British Coal said are expected to be lost. Page 6

Yeltsin's chance

Mr Boris Yeltsin's chances of being elected President of the Russian Federation improved dramatically yesterday after a powerful speech. Page 10

Shares rise

Overseas buying lifted share prices on the London stock market through the 2300 level in thin trading conditions yesterday. Page 23

UN to report on global warming

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE United Nations' official and sober warning to the world that global warming has begun will be issued from a meeting beginning today in a Surrey hotel.

Seventy of the world's leading meteorologists have assembled in Englefield Green, Egham, to agree the final report of their 18-month investigation into the scientific reality of the greenhouse effect. When it is published on Friday it is likely to tell sceptical policy-makers that in the next 30 years the earth is likely to heat more quickly than ever in man's history.

The meteorologists are the members of Working Group One of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the body set up by the UN Environment Programme and the World Meteorological

Organization in 1988 to investigate the warming of the world's atmosphere through the large-scale emission of industrial gases.

The group, chaired by Dr John Houghton, chief executive of Britain's Meteorological Office, has been assessing the science and bases its predictions on nine principal computer models of the global climate.

Although the scientists are keeping their final figures to themselves until Friday, an early draft of their report said: "Our best tools predict that... by the year 2020 global mean temperatures will have risen 1.8C above the pre-industrial level, with a probable range between 1.3 and 2.5."

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'Mad cow' disease hits sales of cattle

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

CATTLE sales have dropped by 38 per cent in Britain as farmers withhold their animals from market in anticipation of a fall in demand and prices because of fears that "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, could pass to humans through infected meat.

"Farmers are making a commercial judgement as to what they think the market will bear and keeping their animals at home until they see how things are going," Mr Vic Robertson, chief spokesman for the Meat and Livestock Commission, said.

The number of cattle brought to markets around Britain last Monday was 5,035, compared with 7,400 a week ago before the upsurge of publicity about the disease. During the past week live-weight prices to farmers have dropped by just over 2p a lb, a decline of 4 per cent. "Farmers are obviously worried, and market intelligence would have told them that demand was likely to be low," Mr Robertson said.

The fall in cattle sales came after opinion polls at the weekend suggested that up to a quarter of adults had stopped eating beef because of worries about mad cow disease. Despite these findings, retail trade sources said yesterday that consumer demand was holding up fairly well.

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Nato declares Warsaw Pact dead

From MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, BRUSSELS

BRITAIN warned her Nato partners yesterday against implementing dramatic changes in Alliance military strategy for up to five years, despite unanimous agreement here that a military threat from the Warsaw Pact no longer existed.

A timetable for change in Alliance doctrine, proposed by Britain at Nato's Defence Planning Committee, was tied to two additional conditions - that arms cuts proposed at the Conventional Forces in

Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna had been implemented by Moscow, and that Soviet forces had effectively withdrawn from Eastern Europe.

Perhaps aware that Germans might not accept too long a delay in cutting force levels in central Europe, British officials indicated that it might not be necessary to wait until all CFE cuts had been implemented and all Soviet troops had gone home. One official gave 1995 as the date for full implementation of

proposed CFE cuts. But Nato would have to feel very confident that the processes leading to "a new world" were well under way, the British sources said. If these conditions were not met, Nato would have to think again. Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, said that there could be a delay in reaching a CFE agreement.

The British position yesterday set a marker for Alliance discussions on a post-Cold War Nato. It was made

clear here that there are currently two reviews under way, one embracing all security and political issues for a reshaped Europe, on lines proposed by President Bush, and the second, which could take well into next year to complete according to Britain, a military review by Nato's international staff. They are considering practical difficulties of deploying smaller multinational forces in Germany and elsewhere in Europe.

Labour taxation fight with Tories

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE people will gain rather than lose under Labour's tax proposals, Mr John Smith insisted yesterday as the Conservatives made the economy the main target of their summer offensive against the Opposition.

With Westminster suddenly locked in pre-election skirmishing, the tax controversy spilled over into the chamber with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accusing the Tories of being the "biggest taxers in history" and the Prime Minister issuing a warning that even people on medium incomes such as teachers and nurses would suffer under Labour's proposals.

The formulation of Mr Smith, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, was rather more cautious than that of Mr

Kinnock who had said that only the "rich, earning very, very high incomes" would face a higher tax bill to pay for his party's spending plans. Mr Kinnock was among a number of Labour spokesmen who sought to blunt the Tory attack by arguing that far from cutting taxes, the Prime Minister had "rattled" on her promise to reduce them as a proportion of national income by such measures as doubling value-added tax.

But Mrs Thatcher sought to sustain the momentum of her Government's counter-attack by highlighting its record of reducing income tax rates to the lowest levels since before the Second World War.

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Edwina Currie ruffles feathers in Romania

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER, BUCHAREST

MRS EDWINA Currie, attired in bright red shoes and red polka dot dress, walked into a Balkan-style controversy yesterday as she praised the conduct of an election won by a crypto-communist landslide that opposition politicians have likened to the vote-rigging practised under Nicolae Ceausescu.

"I could arrange that woman," declared Mr Bertie Way, British media adviser to the failed right-wing presidential candidate, Mr Ion Ratiu, as she brushed aside his invitation for a meeting, or viewing of a video cassette which he claimed showed details of strong-arm tactics and fraud by the triumphant National Salvation Front.

Mrs Currie, having spent 41 sleepless hours observing the poll in and around Timisoara, the birthplace of the Decem-

ber revolution, looked unruffled. "I am 99.9 per cent certain that it was a darned good vote, and that the government was properly elected," she insisted.

Minutes earlier Mrs Currie, together with her Labour colleague, Mr Robert Wareing, the MP for Liverpool/West Derby, had effectively hijacked a press conference given by 12 local government officers who were the official observer team dispatched by the British Government. After her late, uninvited arrival, few of them could get a word in.

As well as airing her strong and energetically researched views on the fairness of the poll - which were in direct contradiction to the strong criticism made earlier by a 34-strong delegation from the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights - Mrs Currie also informed her audience

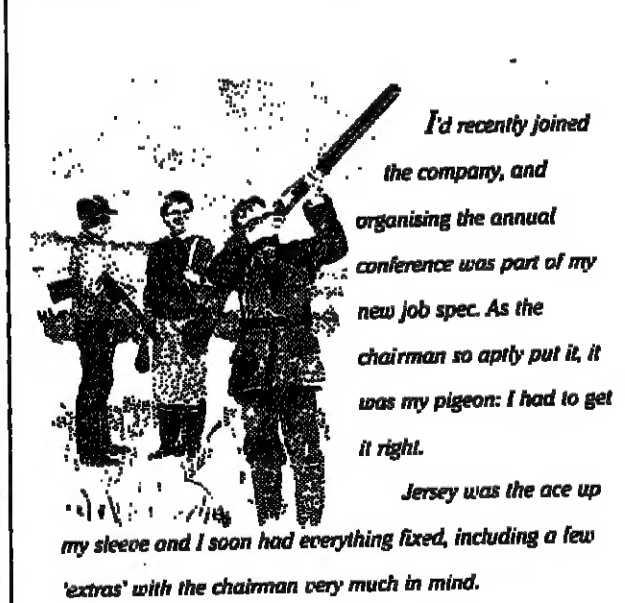
that food shortages in Romania had mainly been eliminated, and even told a Ceausescu egg story.

It was a virtuoso performance in show-stealing which left the British local government officials deprived of their moment of glory. Their own similarly controversial view that the election was conducted "in great fairness and freedom" was forgotten, as Romanian journalists and politicians queued to question Mrs Currie.

From Ireland, from Finland, from the United States as well, the questioners tried again and again to find a crack in her confidence that the election had been satisfactorily run and accurately reflected the views of the population. "You are asking us to prove the

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"It's your pigeon" said the chairman "Just get it right."

One was a clay pigeon shoot and out on the range I thought a little encouragement might not go amiss. Just as he was about to call I had my chance: "Your pigeon chairman, I believe."

The right move at the right time? Too early yet to tell, but the conference went well and the chairman is set on a Jersey holiday next year. So, it would seem, I did get it right.

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Jersey

A break, with convention

Ministry blamed for poor security standards

By MARK SOUSTER

THE Government was blamed last night for the poor standard of many private security guards at sensitive military establishments by invariably awarding contracts on the basis of cost not quality.

The British Security Industry Association and the Transport and General Workers' Union said the Ministry of Defence placed too much emphasis on cost when awarding contracts at the expense of proper vetting.

Mr David Fletcher, chief executive of the BSIA, said this meant that a "rag bag of second division security firms can end up guarding highly sensitive establishments with sub-standard personnel simply because they were the cheapest".

The BSIA, which represents most of the United Kingdom's main security companies, imposes strict vetting and training requirements. It believes, as does Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, that there will always be a role for private security guards, of the appropriate calibre, at military installations to allow highly trained troops to be better deployed.

Mr Fletcher said he would welcome legislation which would bring into line those "rogue" security firms through the imposition of minimum standards of competence. The industry should also be regulated and greater access allowed to police criminal records but it is confronted by a Government ideologically opposed to the concept.

Britain is virtually alone in Europe in that police did not check employees entering the guarding industry, he said. A Green Paper in 1979 recommended some form of regulation but Labour and the incoming Conservative administration advocated self-regulation, a philosophy and ideology which still existed.

The BSIA has its own screening system dating back 20 years, whereby exhaustive checks are made on an individual's background.

Mr Jack Dromey, who represents seven industrial unions at the ministry, said: "For seven years we have repeatedly warned ministers at the MoD that their obsession with what is cheapest threatens security and the lives of both service personnel and our members."

Ex-criminals guarding MoD sites shock MPs

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

PRIVATE guard patrols at Britain's military bases include former criminals, commit acts of vandalism while on duty or turn out to be hopeless because they are afraid of the dark or are physically feeble, according to the Commons defence committee.

The committee's much-leaked report today relates an appalling inventory of failings by private security firms, which are being used as a cost-cutting exercise to guard 56 defence sites. The blame is put squarely on defence ministers who favour contracts based on much lower pay rates than those paid to Ministry of Defence guards.

The cross-party committee demands: no more contracts to private firms for replacing MoD guards; stricter vetting of all guards; legislation to regulate commercial security firms; and thorough and regular reviews of existing contracts. By May 30 1992, the committee said, the MoD must assure Parliament that commercial guards are only employed at sites carrying no security risk or where replacement by an MoD guard force had been ruled out.

The investigation was launched in the wake of the terrorist bomb attacks on the Royal Marine School of Music at Deal, Kent, in which 11 bandmen died, and the Inglis barracks at Mill Hill, north London, in which one soldier was killed. However, the report will carry extra weight with ministers faced with the increasing threat of a renewed IRA campaign this summer against "soft" defence targets on mainland Britain.

The Government's trend towards privatization and contracting-out cannot fail to dilute the MoD's responsibility for security, the MPs said. The "blue riband" security firms are not generally attracted to the defence contracts because of the low pay.

The worst case unearthed by the MPs was a defence depot in north London, where 19 private guards had been employed at an annual cost of £150,000. For more than 12 months the company received numerous formal warnings of too few staff on duty, too high a turnover, staff not always wearing the right uniform nor properly briefed. After receiving classified information

about that particular contract, the committee concluded: "To cap this litany, there were on more than one occasion cases of vandalism committed by the guards, including the smashing of windows."

In spite of its bad record going back to early 1988, the firm's contract was not stopped until February this year. The director of MoD security unfolded a horrifying tale of inefficiency, idleness and absenteeism, the MPs added — one of the more appalling reports they had heard in the past 10 years.

"That commercial security guards should be unable to prevent occasional criminal damage on dispersed civilian sites is understandable, if regrettable. But that they should themselves indulge in an apparent spree of vandalism on a MoD site; that it should not even be an isolated occurrence, but one matched by employees of other companies at other MoD sites; and that MoD should not be able instantly to remove the security guards for lack of a viable alternative beggars belief."

Mr Bruce George, a Labour MP on the committee, said: "I have always said there will be an issue that will compel the Government to face the inevitable; that there must be a system of licensing for private security firms. History will say it was Deal that finally focused attention on the growing weakness of the British private security industry."

The MPs were also allowed access to the unpublished 1988 report on commercial security firms carried out by the Association of Chief Police Officers. They reported: "We cannot overlook the weight of evidence presented to us on the private security industry which demonstrates its inability to ensure that it does not employ proven criminals or those with criminal intentions."

Last night, Reliance Security Services, which guarded the Deal site, called for a "more realistic approach" by the MoD to rates of pay and access for private security firms to criminal records.

The Physical Security of Military Installations in the UK: Defence Committee Sixth Report (Stationery Office; £15.45)



The artist Henry Mee with his new portrait of the Queen at Sotheby's yesterday

TERRORIST ARMS FIND

A home-from-home for would-be IRA bombers

By DAVID SAMPSTED

ONE week ago an IRA bomb exploded under an Army van outside a recruiting office in Wembley, prompting a senior Scotland Yard detective to say there were more safe houses for the Provos in north London than there were bedrooms at the Hilton Hotel.

His remark, made only half in jest, was being echoed yesterday after the apparently fortuitous arrest of one man in a car allegedly transporting automatic weapons through Wood Green, north London.

With its large and itinerant Irish population living in a maze of flats and rented houses, north London has long been acknowledged by the anti-terrorist squad as offering a home-from-home

for any would-be Republican terrorist. It is regarded as an "ideal" area where police are invariably regarded suspiciously, if not with the outright hostility demonstrated in the Broadwater Farm riots in 1985, and one which has seen some of the most significant IRA arms finds in recent years.

Two such finds were made last year: in October more than 50lb of Semtex and bomb-making equipment were discovered by chance on Hampstead Heath and, in February, 22lb of the Czech-made explosive was found at a reservoir in Tottenham, less than a mile from the scene of yesterday's arrest.

The biggest arms cache of

all — the 150lb of Semtex and other terrorist paraphernalia discovered in Clapham, south London, in December, 1988 — led to the start of a trial at the Central Criminal Court earlier this month of two men from Wood Green who deny giving support to the Provisional Irish Republican Army.

Apart from the Wembley blast, north London's most significant terrorist outrage in recent years was the bombing of the Inglis Barracks at Mill Hill — again close to the scene of yesterday's arrest — in August 1988. That explosion killed one soldier and injured nine others and the culprits have not been caught.

This month's bombing at Wembley, however, and the one two days earlier at the Army Education Directorate in Egham, south London, are believed to have been carried out by a new breed of IRA terrorist, trained in the Republic and despatched to Britain and the Continent last summer. Security sources in Northern Ireland have been concerned for a long time that the IRA has been increasing recruitment in the Republic.

Republican youth organizations are monitored by British intelligence and the RUC's Special Branch, making it more difficult for the IRA to use "players" unknown to security forces. In the Republic police do not have the resources to maintain close monitoring.

Recent bombings are not believed to have been carried out by the unit responsible for last year's bombing at the Deal barracks, Kent, which killed 11 Royal Marine bandmen: the unit is thought to be north London-based with a specific brief to hit "soft" military targets in the greater London area.

● An inquest was opened yesterday into the death of the soldier who died in the bomb blast of a mobile Army recruitment office in Wembley last Wednesday.

Sergeant Charles Chapman, aged 34, of the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, who lived at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, died after the blast, for which the IRA claimed responsibility. Dr Rufus Crompton, a pathologist, gave the cause of death as multiple bomb blast injuries. The inquest was adjourned for three months.

Bogus officials

Two more cases of bogus health workers blurring their way into homes to examine children were reported last night. In Enfield, north London, two men posing as police officers stripped a baby boy. In Swindon, a woman called at a house claiming she was conducting a survey into prematurely-born babies.

Patents down

The level of innovation, as judged by the number of new patent applications to the Patent Office, fell last year. Figures released yesterday in the annual report by the office showed the number of new or drawing board ideas from individuals or companies fell "slightly" to 29,369.

Courtauld coup

After 60 years, the Courtauld Institute and its collection of paintings are to be reunited, in Somerset House in The Strand. On June 12, the Queen Mother will formally open the Fine Rooms in Somerset House's north block, once the home of the Royal Academy.

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Police under attack 'from every quarter'

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S police are facing impending crisis, battered by media criticism, unsupported by ministers and hamstringed by financial cuts, Mr Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, told its annual conference yesterday.

Mr Eastwood and other senior federation officials roundly attacked the Government's record on the eve of what promises to be a stormy reception for the maiden speech by Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary. Before he arrives today, the conference at Scarborough, North Yorkshire, is expected to meet in closed session to discuss a motion from Manchester officers on whether there should be any sort of "appropriate reception" for the Home Secretary.

Speaker after speaker talked of the barrage of criticism police believe they have received unfairly at the hands of an antagonistic media and the growing inadequacies of a judicial system.

Mr Eastwood told a conference dedicated this year to the theme of policing in crisis: "I cannot recall a year like the last one. The service has been under attack from all sides. The media is after our blood."

Cases might be old, allegations were unproven and the police side unheard but "the state of accusations has been lumped together to suggest there is a deep-seated cancer of corruption", he said. If a lie were repeated enough times, it would be accepted.

"Where, you may ask, is the counterblast of unqualified support from the people who know the truth and are in the best position to cast lies back in the teeth of the accusers? Where is the forthright defence of the police service we are entitled to expect from government?"

All too often, official expressions of support for and confidence in the police "are bedded with qualifications and delivered in still, small voices", Mr Eastwood said. The 125,000-strong federation passed a vote of no confidence in the Police Complaints Authority last year. Nothing in the past year suggested that the federation should change its mind, he added.

Police had to wait months or years for decisions on complaints while the public were persuaded of an elaborate conspiracy to protect police and the authority itself contributed to that view. Spending had been pared, leaving forces short of manpower and equipment.

His deputy, Mr Richard Coyle, told the conference: "British people are quite prepared to pay the price for a fully manned and efficient police service. The fault lies with those who pretend they are doing something and are not. They go on about law and order and all they are about talking about is saving money. We have got to tackle the Government and make them come clean."

Mr Coyle also pointed to criticism of the police based on unproved allegations. Morale was affected by the attacks and also the climate which now exists where just to hint

at police bending rules or gliding the lily brought acquittal.

Guilty men went free a hundred or a thousand times more often than those who were innocent were found guilty. The release by the Court of Appeal of three people convicted of trying to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, amounted to a "public scandal", Mr Coyle said. It was not only Belfast and Dublin courts which make nonsensical decisions in terrorist cases.

He criticized the Government's handling of a rent and rates review. Mr Coyle said it was clear what ministers would do when working with a group unable to take industrial action. "From the Government, we have had weasel words of thanks and a massive kick in the teeth."

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Waddington faces hostile reception

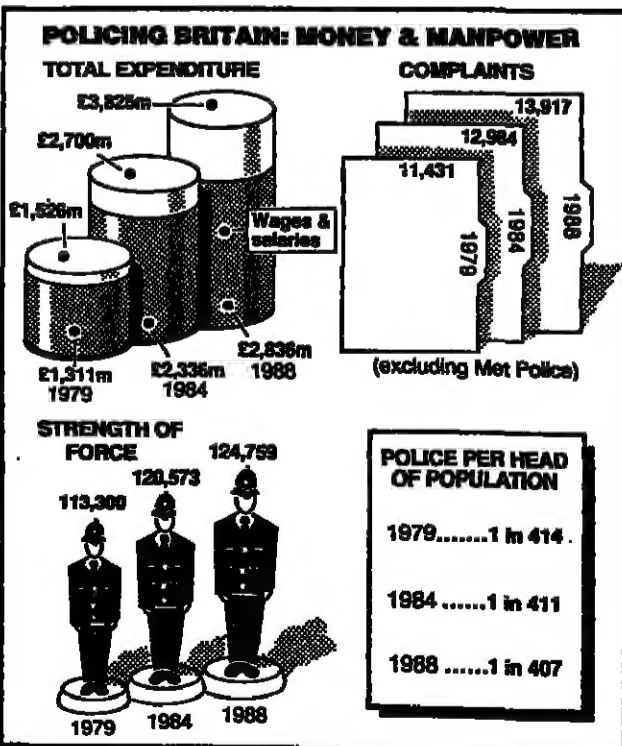
MR DAVID Waddington and his Cabinet colleagues must be watching the conference of the 125,000-member Police Federation in Scarborough this week with a sense of unease (Stewart Tandler writes). After 11 years of Thatcher government, there is the risk of a public rift between the police and the traditional party of law and order.

Delegates have even talked of boycotting the Home Secretary's traditional speech to the conference today, and officials have openly contemplated asking Mr Waddington not to attend because his presence may spark a hostile reception. The federation only represents the junior ranks, but there is no doubt some senior officers are equally disenchanted.

In 1980, things were different. The police were just beginning to enjoy the fruits of increased pay and better conditions in line with the report by Lord Davies.

However, the 1980s have proved a tough test for the police. Lord Scarman's report on the Brixton troubles and the reforms of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act made new demands. Then the police became the shock troops of the Government's battle with the miners. The Government created the Police Complaints Authority and the Crown Prosecution Service and the police found themselves sharing their traditional roles with new organizations.

Recent decisions by, first Mr Douglas Hurd and then Mr Waddington on rent and rates allowances and the overturning of arbitration decisions have led police from the top to the bottom of the service to accuse the Home Office of renegeing on Lord Davies. They fear they will also be the target of a government drive to trim public expenditure in the 1990s.



Tasty greens steal the show

By RUTH GLEDHILL

OUTSHINING the roses and delphiniums in a small corner of the marquee at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday, rows of cauliflowers and broccolis proved to be one of the strongest crowd-pullers.

The modest green leaves sprouting from plain garden tubs hid exotic vegetables: housewives by the dozen stopped to examine the ornamental pyramid of the Romanesco cauliflower and the delicate pale heads of the Purple Sicilian broccoli.

Mr Andrew Gray, cauliflower breeder at the Institute of Horticultural Research, has developed and improved Italian cauliflowers for the British

market without changing their basic character. "The Romanesco is different from the ordinary white cauliflower. It is sweeter with a slightly nutty flavour," he said. "We are also improving spreading broccolis with larger spreads."

A housewife defeated some of the country's leading businesses and market gardeners to take one of the top prizes for her garden. Mrs Kate Chambers, of Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire, won a gold medal for her garden, "Green and Pleasant Land", which she first entered in a Women's Institute competition.

The garden, which takes its

title from the WI anthem, *Jerusalem*, was built around a Victorian folly by Bridgewater Garden World, of Nantwich, Cheshire, who transplanted the stock, including a 15-year-old oak, down the M1 in eight lorry loads.

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CORRECTION

The Lindisfarne monk illustrated in our report on May 19 of the National Garden Festival at Gateshead is part of the Northumberland County and District Councils garden, not of the Durham County Council garden as stated.

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Lessons must be learnt, say M1 crash survivors

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS and bereaved relatives of victims of the M1 air disaster pleaded last night for action to implement a range of safety measures on airlines after the jury at the M1 crash inquest recorded a verdict of accidental death.

They joined Mr Philip Tomlinson, the North Leicestershire Coroner, in calling for lessons to be learnt that might prevent any recurrence of the disaster when 47 people died in the British Midland jet. Mr Donat Desmond, aged 28, who lost his wife in the accident near Kegworth and was speaking on behalf of the bereaved, said that the inquest had only partially revealed why and how they died, because of its inherently limited scope and because the pilots were unable to say why they had shut down the wrong engine.

There were, however, he said, several significant contributory causes: defects in the engine that inadequate testing did not reveal; inadequate instrumentation in the Boeing 737-400; inadequate pilot training and checklists; and pilot error.

"Lessons must be learnt from this disaster," he said. "Our deepest wish is that steps be taken rapidly to prevent a recurrence. From the many reforms that are required we wish to highlight the need for performing full flight tests on all new types and series of engines instead of relying on ground tests alone; improved instrumentation warning

lights and pilot training; improved survivability measures, including passenger seat harnesses and/or aft facing passenger seats; and closed-circuit television monitoring on aircraft to enable pilots to see external damage and fires."

He said that the relatives and survivors were distressed by a similar recommendation after the 1985 Manchester air disaster that had still not been implemented. "It could have prevented this crash," he said. "In the interests of the travelling public it is vital that the Civil Aviation Authority and manufacturers act on this."

He was speaking after quietly shaking hands with the aircraft's captain, Kevin Hunt, and First Officer David McClelland, at the end of the 10-day hearing. "I bear them no resentment. They are both human beings. They were working in a very technical environment with a huge workload. What happened to them could have happened to me," Mr Desmond, a post-graduate computer student from Northern Ireland, said.

The two pilots had sat at the back of the court to hear Mr Tomlinson outline his own list of eight safety recommendations which, he said, should be considered by safety authorities.

"When a tragedy such as Kegworth occurs the relatives of the deceased and indeed the public at large are entitled to expect that if there are lessons to be learnt they are in fact so



Aspects of Max Wall: Reviving Professor Wallofski for television in 1975 and in Krapp's Last Tape at Greenwich in the same year (top); the young music hall star of the 1920s, the wide boy in London Lights for BBC Television in 1979, and as himself at the Vaudeville Theatre in 1979



Prince presents vision of world in peril

By ALAN HAMILTON

ASSUMING the mantle of St Benedict the farmer rather than that of St Francis the bird lover, the Prince of Wales tonight delivers to television viewers his Messianic vision of a fragile earth in peril, scolding politicians and the Book of Genesis.

In an hour-long documentary made for BBC1, the Prince travels from the flow country of northern Scotland, through the money-making temples of Hong Kong, skirting the newly unchained but filthy lands of eastern Europe, to the rainforest of Indonesia to deliver his essential message that capitalism and communism are equally guilty of raping the earth's resources in pursuit of economic growth, otherwise known as greed.

Doubtless aware that Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, is preparing an ecological White Paper for publication in the autumn, the Prince says there are still not enough politicians in the West who give environmental questions the attention they deserve. He does, however, interview one who does: Senator Albert Gore, a US democrat, tells the Prince that the Third World pays far more in debt interest to Western banks than all the aid money thrown at it, which is rather like giving a blood transfusion from the sick to the healthy.

Senator Gore delivers the programme's nugget of hope when he says that, if the Berlin Wall could come down against all odds, there is hope that attitudes to the environment can be changed as dramatically as the attitude of east Europeans was changed towards their communist masters.

The Prince, for his part, tackles the Old Testament exhortation to go forth and multiply, and replenish the earth. All main religions, he says, have had to think again about family planning, which he identifies as another significant saviour of the planet.

The Prince notes that both of the world's principal creeds of greed are Western inventions, and he castigates his otherwise beloved 18th century for giving birth to the philosophy of man the master of the planet, whether through David Hume or Karl Marx.

Against pictures of pollution eating away the Parthenon and Venice sinking into a depleted water table, he says: "How ironic that the genie let out of the bottle by the European enlightenment is now, through such things as acid rain and pollution, at work corroding the very fabric of Western culture."

Classics though he is, the Prince acknowledges that even the ancient Greeks and Romans were guilty of overgrazing and cutting down too many trees. He admires St Benedict for his insistence that Benedictine monasteries should be self-supporting and that monks should leave the land in a better condition than they found it. It is the Prince's ecological buzzword: sustainability.

The Earth, he says, cannot be saved by either science or religion alone, but by a change in man's attitude.

● The Royal Scottish Forestry Society was last night warned against encroachments by over-zealous bureaucrats intent on thrusting urban values on the countryside (Kerry Gill writes).

Sir William Lithgow, chairman of Lithgow and owner of the Ormsay estate in Argyll, told the society to beware the "clumsy hand of bureaucracy" which was already reaching out to curb sections of the fish farming industry and unnecessarily interfering in rural concerns.

He said the fish-farming industry had been of particular economic and social benefit to rural areas of Scotland and had stemmed depopulation and emphasized that people concerned with land management had to be on their guard against "bumblebees" invading their responsibilities.

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No compensation yet for victims

SIXTEEN months after the M1 air crash the survivors and bereaved have still not received any compensation. Immediately after the accident, British Midland offered £5,000 to everyone involved to help them meet any urgent financial needs but not all took up the offer and a special trust fund was set up from voluntary donations, which reached a total of more than £300,000 but which has now been exhausted (Harvey Elliott writes).

Lawyers representing the bereaved advised them to file for compensation in the United States where they could technically receive unlimited damages, compared with the maximum £80,000 payable in Britain.

A district court judge in Louisiana threw out the claim against Boeing and the engine manufacturers, General Electric and Snecma, on the grounds of "forum non conveniens", saying that England would be a more convenient place to hear the action. "A key issue in these cases will undoubtedly be whether the crash was caused by pilot error or a flaw in design or manufacture," the judge said.

British Midland, however, could not be called as a third party defendant in the United

States and this helped to weigh in favour of dismissal of the claim. "The UK is an adequate forum because there is no danger that plaintiffs will be deprived of any remedy or treated unfairly," he said, even though he admitted that the potential damage awards could be smaller. None of the plaintiffs were citizens of the United States and therefore the American interest was slight, the judge added.

An appeal is now being heard and the group of 45 relatives of victims of the crash and 76 survivors themselves who joined in the action are still hoping that any compensation will eventually be decided in America, even though lawyers agree that it could take years for the case to come to court.

Meanwhile, no action has been started against British Midland in Britain although many of the survivors claim that they are living "in penury" because they have been unable to work since the accident. The victims claim, however, that money is not their main object for the moment and that they first want to establish the precise cause of the crash and see the recommendations for preventing a similar incident put into effect.

The inquest clearly leaves many unanswered questions, mainly relating to precisely why the pilot shut down the wrong engine. It is unlikely that even when the AAIB report is published that will be fully resolved.

The report, which is certain to contain many of the recommendations outlined by both the coroner and the survivors, however, will open up a wide ranging debate among airlines and aircraft manufacturers over the increasing use of "glass cockpit" instrument displays, the need for confidentiality in the "black box" voice recordings from the cockpit, and even the growing use of two-man crews operating on twin-engine aircraft over long distances over water.

Late in life, he won new acclaim on the dramatic stage. In 1977, his eccentric Malvolio in *Twelfth Night* at the Greenwich Theatre earned him a new generation of fans, and he had another success in John Osborne's *The Entertainer*, giving Laurence Olivier's Archie Rice role a new interpretation that borrowed aspects from the music hall star, Max Miller.

Then came a series of Samuel Beckett plays, including *Krapp's Last Tape* and *Waiting for Godot*, which won the rarely bestowed prize of the playwright. "There's no such thing as a self-confessed cynic," Max Wall once said. "That's what I think and that's why I love Beckett, especially *Waiting for Godot* - that thing about always waiting."

Wall had a sad life. He made headlines in 1956 when he left his wife and five children for a beauty queen, but marriage to her and a subsequent one ended in divorce. He was reconciled with his children only when they were grown; his son Meredith was at his side when he died in Westminster Hospital. He was declared bankrupt in 1973 over a £20,000 income tax bill. Later, he lived the life of a recluse in a council flat.

Ernie Wise first worked with Wall on tour with the Jack Hylton Band in 1939.

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Farewell, king of silly walks

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MAX WALL, the music hall star who survived the demise of variety to find a new career in serious drama and television, has died after fracturing his skull in a fall. He was 82.

Born into a family of troupers, Max Wall went on the music hall stage as an "eccentric dancer" and found his first fame as "Professor Wallofski" in black tights, long black wig, an athletically tortuous silly walk and a lugubrious leer. In the 1940s he managed to transfer the outrageous visual character to the wireless.

Although Peter Goodwright had had an impersonation of Max Wall in his act for years, he met him for the first time only six weeks ago at the memorial show for Tommy Trinder. "He told me, 'You are the only person who has been able to impersonate me properly. Many people have tried but they are not as good as you. I tell you what you can have my voice for nothing when I snuff it.'"

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Socialite in court for drink driving

LADY Wrottesley escaped jail yesterday for her third drink-drive offence. Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London was told that her high-society lifestyle had turned her into an alcoholic.

However, Wrottesley, aged 64, walked free after the magistrate accepted that her friends, including Mr John Spencer-Churchill, an artist and a nephew of Sir Winston, were helping her to overcome her drink habit. Wrottesley, widow of the Fifth Baron Wrottesley, was more than twice over the limit when she crashed her Renault 5 car while still under a five-year ban for drink driving.

"She is a stupid person," Mr Jacob Newman, her defence solicitor, told the magistrate. "And she comes to you with the story that her whole life is in ruins and the only way she can put this right is by repenting to that court and telling you that she has made a complete fool of herself in front of all her social friends, some of whom are here today."

In court her title was disputed. Mr Michael Burdett, for the prosecution, said she was Lord Wrottesley's second wife and that he had not succeeded to the baronetcy until 1962, nine years after they divorced.

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One of the rarest breed of bears making a first appearance at Jersey Zoo. The bear was born at the zoo in February. It originates from the Andes Mountains

Holiday flights delayed

By RONALD FAUX

TWO hundred holiday-makers bound for Rhodes and Corfu from Manchester airport experienced an unexpected diversion yesterday to the fictional cobbles of Coronation Street as industrial action crippled holiday flights to Greece.

They were among more than 5,000 passengers from the North-west grounded during a 24-hour strike by Greek baggage handlers and air traffic controllers. More than 2,000 holiday-makers were stranded at Gatwick for between 10 and 24 hours as the strike paralysed flights to and from Britain. Services were expected to be close to normal today after the conclusion of the action at 10pm last night.

Some travellers in Manchester were delayed for nearly 30 hours and several flights left 20 hours behind

schedule; 15 charter flights from Manchester and 10 from Gatwick were affected.

Airport officials and tour operators were able to warn many holiday-makers before they left home but others arrived at the airport unaware that they faced a delayed start to their holidays.

Two groups were treated to a tour of the Granada studios in central Manchester where they strolled down Coronation Street and had a drink in the Rovers Return. Not quite Corfu perhaps, a Granada spokesman admitted, but better than sitting fuming at the airport during the first serious delays of the holiday season.

Two holiday flights from Newcastle upon Tyne were delayed because of the strike but the 300 passengers were notified and were able to wait at home. Both Olympic Air-

ways flights from Heathrow to Athens were cancelled but British Airways departures suffered only minor delays.

● British Airways yesterday announced the formation of a global action group to fight airport delays, which cost the airline £34 million last year. The project, to be known as the Infrastructure Action Group, is the brainchild of Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive.

Operating under the International Air Transport Association, the group will be headed by Mr John Meredith, BA's commercial and government affairs chief.

BA gave details of the formation of the group at a press conference to announce its record pre-tax profits of £345 million for 1989-90.

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Discipline of classics can meet demands of the modern world

By DAVID TYTLER
EDUCATION EDITOR

THE ancient world of Cicero and Socrates, Pliny and Pythagoras is being called in to help modern industry and commerce meet the demands of the 21st century. Classics, apparently, can do anything, provided they join the real world.

A study of Greek and Roman history and its ancient languages help managers hold their own in the competitive modern world, according to a survey of 21 graduate recruitment officers and careers advisers in industry, commerce, banking, publishing, the media and the public sector.

The report, published yesterday by the

Council of University Classical Departments, says: "Classics graduates can hold their own in the knowledge that their discipline develops many of the qualities which employers are looking for - intellectual rigour, communication skills, analytical skills, the ability to handle complex information and above all, a breadth of view which few other disciplines can provide."

There are, however, doubters. One senior manager of a bank said they were not looking for "boffins who just stick to their paper work", a sentiment echoed by the manager of a service company who said: "We do not want very 'head down' studious types who only do well in examinations." Their views were more than countered by the careers' adviser

who said: "Classics can do anything." For the doubters, classics in 1990 means much more than studying the decline of the Roman Empire, which has been mirrored by the subject itself.

Now, only 0.7 per cent of students read classics and many schools do not teach it. Universities, however, divide it into seven different disciplines: Latin, Greek, classics, classical studies in translation, classical civilization, Roman studies, and ancient world classics.

The survey was commissioned after Mr Patrick Coldstream, director of the Council for Industry and Higher Education, challenged the universities to prove that classics could meet the needs of business and agreed to meet the cost of the survey. Having read the report, Mr

Coldstream was cautiously optimistic: "Classics can prove, as they always have done, a first-class preparation for working life if they are understood as an ideal foundation for further training and not as a professional qualification in themselves."

The classics can produce an impressive front row to prove that they are good for you. The TSB can boast their chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, formerly Marlborough, King's College, Cambridge, and the Stock Exchange, and now chairman of the National Art Collection Fund.

He is not anxious to make claims for the classics: "There are several disciplines which are useful to commerce and business and classics is not the only

one. The ability to learn can, for example, be applied to musicology and theology. The classics do help with a command of language and the ability to analyse and communicate."

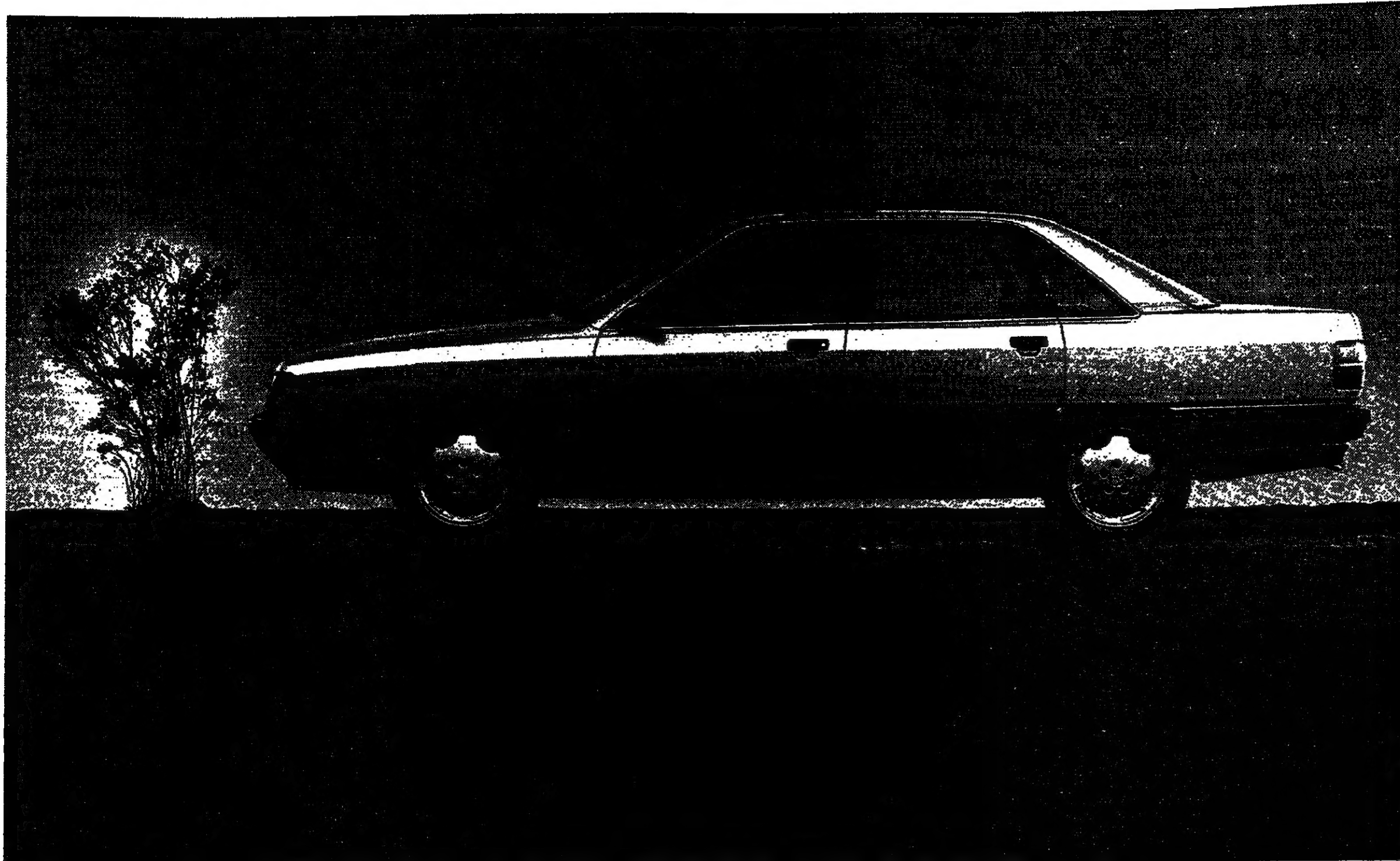
Shell will, until October, be able to say that Mr Bob Reid, their chairman, read classics at St Andrews University alongside his fellow student Mr John MacGregor, who read economics. Mr Reid is about to join British Rail as chairman and will have to read train timetables while Mr MacGregor will have to oversee school timetables. The likelihood is that neither will run to time.

Sir Jeremy Morse, Winchester and New College, Oxford, is equally modest: "My classical studies had no direct application when I was keeping hand-

written ledgers of lending to small companies. It was when I came to attend, and eventually to chair, large international discussions of major economic issues that my classical training came flooding back to me."

Classics are welcome even in the new high technology industries. Mr Tony Cleaver, chief executive of IBM and a graduate of Trinity College, Oxford, said: "Whatever the demands of technological and vocational training, the ability to communicate clearly and to think logically is as vital as ever. A classical education provides this."

Less classically, an advertising agency said: "Classics graduates are probably better than any other discipline... they think the pants off issues."



A critical appraisal of the Audi 100 Turbo by a bog myrtle.



To a bog myrtle the fact that an Audi 100 Turbo can reach 60mph in 7.5 seconds, or achieve 134mph on a German autobahn, or is fitted with ABS as standard is largely irrelevant.

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The bog myrtle is a wonderfully fragrant shrubby plant. Originally, before hops became popular, it was used in the making of beer.

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Rover workers vote for 24-hour deal

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

ROVER workers in a surprise move yesterday reversed their decision to throw out the first 24-hour working agreement in the British car industry by accepting the deal in a second ballot.

The 12,500 workers at Rover's biggest plant, at Longbridge, Birmingham, had voted by a majority of seven to five against the package, which will also create 1,200 jobs, in a ballot earlier this month.

That decision had shocked national union officials, who had recommended the deal as "the best hours package anywhere in the motor industry" and had led to a warning from Rover executives that they would impose the new system.

However, a second ballot produced a swift change of mind with 8,274 workers voting to accept and 4,229 continuing to reject the deal.

The decision paves the way for the most radical working agreement in the British car industry, giving Rover working practices prevailing in few car factories in the world. Even many Japanese plants have not yet adopted a 24-hour working system, which entails three shifts operating round-the-clock to maximize the use of expensive automation.

The deal will enable Rover virtually to double production in key areas of its Longbridge works, and will present a target for other UK car makers. Companies such as Ford and Vauxhall may seek similar deals soon as they consider ways of increasing output to try to match not only Rover, but also formidable competition from new British factories owned by Nissan, Toyota and Honda, of Japan, which are investing a total of £1.5 billion in manufacturing.

Neither unions nor Rover executives were able to explain the reversal yesterday, although both sides were pleased with the outcome, which will guarantee significant increases in production for the company.

Rover said it would put the new system into operation after next week's holiday break for 4,000 workers on assembly lines for the new K-series engines, at the heart of the company's latest range of cars, and for the Rover 200 and 400 models.

The workers will swap from 20 shifts a month to 13 of 11.5 hours each, resulting in a surge of extra output. Production of Rover 200 hatchbacks and 400 saloons will rise from 3,500 to 5,000 a week to cope with demand, which has meant waiting lists of up to three months for some models.

Assembly of K-series engines, which are used in the two Rovers as well as the new Metro, will be doubled to 6,000 a week.

In return, workers are guaranteed seven consecutive rest days a month and a £20 shift premium, while the whole of the company's 30,000-strong manual workforce in Birmingham, Oxford and Swindon will get a reduction in the working week from 39 to 37 hours.

Rover said last night: "This is very good news indeed for Rover, which will become the first 24-hour car factory in the UK. We are now better placed to satisfy the enormous customer demand for our products."

A compromise appears to have been reached in a dispute between British Airways engineers based at Heathrow airport's Terminal One and the airline over the introduction of 12-hour shifts. A ballot is being conducted among the engineers with the recommendation that they accept the new shifts for a trial period.

Scargill on strike alert over 7,500 pit job cuts

By CRAIG SETON

UP TO 7,500 jobs are likely to be lost through pit closures over the next three years, British Coal said yesterday. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, immediately said that industrial action was the only way to stop the cuts.

Sir Robert Haslam, the British Coal chairman, told Mr Scargill of the rationalization programme at their first meeting for more than a year. Afterwards, Mr Scargill said: "British Coal are yet again embarking on a further closure programme and manpower reduction. There were no guarantees given for the future of this industry. It is my firm belief that the only way you can defend the pits, the industry and the jobs we have is by taking industrial action. I say that very reluctantly. I do not want to see a strike or industrial action."

Mr Scargill's reaction was in marked contrast to that of Mr Roy Lynk, the leader of the Nottinghamshire-based Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which was formed by miners who worked during the 1984 strike. Mr Lynk said the news was not half as bad as the doom-laden forecasts of the past few months and he did not expect job losses to amount to 7,000. He was confident that every Nottinghamshire pit would remain open for the "foreseeable future", in spite of predictions that Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire would bear the brunt of the closures.

Of the 7,500 predicted job losses, 1,300 had been fore-shadowed by the announcement of three pit closures in south Yorkshire and south Wales. If a further 6,000 jobs went, it would represent just under 10 per cent of the remaining 64,000 miners in the industry.

Sir Robert said the rationalization was being discussed in the wake of three-year contracts British Coal had signed with the power industry, under which demand would fall from 70 million tonnes to 65 million tonnes by 1992-93. Leaders from four mining unions were also told in separate talks with Sir Robert of the threat to the industry from the demand for "green" power stations using cleaner natural gas and imported low-sulphur coal.

Sir Robert said job losses could be horrendous unless foreign imports and the development of gas-powered power stations was stopped and new equipment was fitted at power stations to reduce emissions of sulphur dioxide which contributed to acid rain.

Mr Scargill, who said his national executive would consider a strategy to save the jobs, accused British Coal of the economics of the mad-

house in that it was closing 50 British pits that produced coal with a low sulphur content while coal with more sulphur was being imported. He said: "It is time the miners recognized their potential strengths rather than their apparent weaknesses."

Sir Robert said later that he hoped Mr Scargill would receive the good news that he had been given that there was a great opportunity to be grasped for British Coal to maintain a profitable, high-volume industry. "There is no doubt that the vast majority of collieries have reasonable prospects providing they continue to reduce costs, improve productivity and maintain quality at the required standard."

In the longer term, the size of the industry would be determined by its success in meeting obligations under existing contracts. Sir Robert did not specify where the expected job losses were likely to occur, but said the cut would be substantially below the recent "highly speculative, draconian forecast" of between 15,000 to 40,000 losses. He would be surprised if it reached half the lowest of those figures.

He said the industry had come through the most traumatic year since the prolonged miners' strike, after four years of solid achievement. It had suffered badly from an exceptional run of geological problems. He added: "Results were also adversely affected by the third mild winter in a row - a totally unprecedented event which was a significant factor in leading to the generators taking some five million tonnes less than in previous years." Contrary to gloomy forecasts that the industry could be dying, it was facing a much brighter prospect and a new era, he said.

Sir Robert said the use of natural gas for electricity generation would be "our most formidable competitor during the next decade. Equally seriously, some of our otherwise competitive collieries are now being faced with the potential threat of large quantities of low-sulphur coal imports to meet EEC targets on acid rain emissions. We have put our case clearly to the Government on this issue and will continue to do so in the interests of our industry."

Mr Lynk said later: "I do not think we will lose anything like 7,500 jobs and I think the industry is in for a secure future. I do not think there will be much effect in Nottinghamshire. You have to work hard and produce coal at the right price and compete. There are a lot of things going our way and it is not all gloom and doom."

IAN CRAWFORD



Mr Arthur Scargill giving a warning of industrial action after being told of pit job cuts

Auditions for Miss Saigon flop

MARC ASPLAND



Miss Marian de Jesus, aged 26, rehearsing backstage before her audition yesterday

By GERALDINE BEDELL

THE long-running modern musical demands a steady supply of performers who can sing, dance and act. *Miss Saigon*, which opened to acclaim last September at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, demands all this - plus oriental looks. It is a combination that has proved difficult to find.

Miss Saigon's producers, Cameron Mackintosh, scoured the country for a cast. "We canvassed every part of the British Isles - put up posters in Chinese restaurants all over Soho, contacted the Buddhist community, and spoke to all the embassies," Mr Nick Allott, the executive producer, says. They still had to import 15 of the 18 cast members from abroad.

Yesterday, Cameron Mackintosh launched its search for a new *Miss Saigon* cast for September, with auditions at Drury Lane. But despite wide publicity for the auditions, only 40 hopefuls turned up.

At least half a dozen were not remotely oriental-looking and those who did look oriental seemed much longer on life-experience than theatrical experience. "I want to be in it, because it's about prostitutes in the Far East, and that's my background: I was a prostitute in Singapore for four years," said Miss Kim Poh. Another hopeful, Miss Nguyen Kim Phuong, wanted a part because she had been abandoned in a basket in a Saigon street when she was a baby.

Only a handful seemed quietly competent. Miss Marian de Jesus, aged 26, whose mother is Anglo-Burmese, and whose father is half-English, half-Brazilian, has been studying ballet, jazz and tap since she was three. She sings professionally in a salsa band. "I have no idea whether I'll be suitable: I don't know what they're looking for," she said.

It seems unlikely that Cameron Mackintosh will be able to assemble a cast from yesterday's auditions. There is one other source of potential performers in Britain: Cameron Mackintosh has set up coaching classes for Asian performers.

Oriental-looking Britons have better things to do, it would seem. "Initially we had hoped that Vietnamese refugees would be interested," Mr Allott said. "But the embassies told us they hadn't come all this way to be penniless actors; they were all too busy being doctors and lawyers."

'Two-year delay' on Sizewell

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SIZEWELL B, the nuclear power plant being built on the Suffolk coast, will not come into service until 1996, two years late, the environmental group Friends of the Earth said yesterday.

The group says that analysis of government figures on how much nuclear-generated electricity the privatized area boards will have to buy in the next eight years reveals the extent of the Sizewell B delay. It also says a nuclear industry report shows that construction costs for the plant have risen to more than £2 billion.

Friends of the Earth says the delays and rising costs and further delays make a mockery of the Government's position that nuclear stations must be delivered on time and on cost. It calls for the abandonment of the project.

The Department of Energy said Friends of the Earth's interpretation of the figures was inaccurate. "The non-fossil fuel obligation was set to account for Sizewell coming on stream in 1996. That doesn't mean it won't come on stream earlier than that date."

As for the costs rising to £2 billion, that is pure speculation. "We have received a review from Nuclear Electric, but these may not be the final figures. We are still looking at the review."

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AIMS OF INDUSTRY

Satellite TV comes to Soviet Union

From RICHARD EVANS
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THE Soviet Union will soon be able to tune into satellite television and offer Western programmes to increasingly dissatisfied viewers. The first 1,000 satellite dishes, which are likely to receive programmes such as Sky News and MTV, will be installed within months and should be freely available inside five years, Mr Mikhail Nenashev, chairman of the State Committee of Radio and Television, said yesterday.

"With perestroika and glasnost, our television uses most of its time for political items. It is too much. We forget about culture, news and music. We want to make it more balanced. Now it is too much internal policy and viewers are complaining about that."

Mr Nenashev, who had earlier addressed the first Luxembourg media summit, told journalists that the Soviet Union was politically ready for satellite television. The only problems were technical. The 1,000 dishes being produced this year would be installed in embassies, tourist hotels, universities and scientific centres, he said. "There is a very big appetite for the news and what is going on in Western Europe - also movies, especially French, Italian and British, TV serials, music and youth programmes."

Luxembourg is the headquarters of SES, which launched the 16 channel Astra satellite used by Sky. Mr Nenashev, who visited the Betzdorf satellite centre on Monday, said Soviet television may rent a transponder on a second Astra satellite to be launched by the end of this year.

The satellite development is just one stage in a significant expansion of Soviet television outlined by Mr Nenashev, which includes five national channels instead of the existing two. Soviet television was also "very interested" in co-production ventures for historical series, programmes on museums, art galleries and cultural centres - including the Kremlin.

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Kirk call for revival of principle

By KERRY GILL

A FORBIDDING view of the country's continuing moral degradation was outlined yesterday by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland when he deplored the church's influence on daily life.

The Rev Alastair Gollan, in his opening address to the assembly in Edinburgh, said people had reached a low ebb both spiritually and morally and called for a revival of principle.

He painted a bleak picture of sections of society, saying: "Our prisons are overcrowded and the forces of law and order are continually on the stretch. Iniquity walks unashamedly in our streets."

"Sexual deviants boldly advertise their way of life... the sins of the ancient world are now legalized in our land. There is the spreading of

unnatural crime - child abuse," he said.

Mr Gollan said Edinburgh had become one of the worst centres for drug addiction and blamed much of present ills on the devaluation of the sanctity of marriage.

"How sad it is to read in our newspapers of prominent men and women in the field of sport and the world of show business, unashamedly living together in sexual relationships without any thought of marriage, and their offspring are sentimentally referred to in the tabloid press as 'love children'."

Taking as his theme "A heart-cry for revival", Mr Gollan said there was an urgent need for a spiritual awakening that would transform the nation as well as the church. A revival of religion would restore a sense of

personal honesty and the raising of standards of common morality. It would also reduce sexual immorality.

Ministers welcomed a proposed visit to Scotland by the American evangelist Dr Billy Graham. Church resources will not be used to support his visit.

Presenting the report of the Board of National Mission, the Rev Douglas Nicol, the convener, asked the assembly to seek God's blessing for Dr Graham's work in Scotland. The assembly was expected to be issued to Dr Graham to visit Scotland in 1991 to conduct an evangelistic campaign.

Kirk representatives were invited to a meeting in Glasgow last year to discuss the invitation. However, the Mission Committee recommended yesterday that while the

visit should be welcomed, Kirk resources should not be made available. The provision of resources would be at the expense of other church projects.

In the report to the assembly, the committee said: "The Mission Committee is convinced that the ongoing presbytery-centred process is the principle strategy for the encouragement of evangelism in our generation."

Dr Graham's visit was welcomed by the Very Rev Fraser McLuskey, the former Moderator. "I cannot think of anyone who is more successful in making the simple Gospel plain to all and sundry than Dr Graham," he said.

The Rev Ross Mitchell, of West Kilbride, called for members to give wholehearted support to Dr Graham and his mission.

Forensic tests at Maguire trial were suspect, inquiry told

By RAY CLANCY

FORENSIC tests that led to the conviction and imprisonment of Mrs Annie Maguire and six others 14 years ago for running an IRA bomb factory could have been "deliberately contaminated", the inquiry into their cases was told yesterday.

Doubts about swabs taken from Mrs Maguire, her husband Patrick, two of her sons and others were raised by Mr Anthony Arledge, QC, on the second day of the inquiry headed by Sir John May, the former court of appeal judge.

Mr Arledge, who represents six of the

seven involved in the case, claimed the Crown case had been flawed and outlined 10 points that, he said, if true, made "the methodology of the trial, the prosecution argument, the judge's summing up and the court of appeal decision fall".

He said it was clear from studies of IRA safe houses and IRA movements that the Maguire family home in Kilburn, north London, could not have been a bomb factory, and that no ancillary bomb-making equipment had ever been found. No one had ever been seen "transporting anything from the house", and that if the defendants had

been manipulating explosives traces would have been left behind either in the house or on their clothes.

At the original trial, the convictions of Mr and Mrs Maguire, their sons Vincent and Patrick, Mrs Maguire's brother Sean Smith, Mr Giuseppe Conlon, her husband's brother-in-law, and Mr Patrick O'Neill, a family friend, the case relied heavily on scientific evidence that traces of nitroglycerine had been found on their hands.

However, yesterday Mr Arledge disputed that evidence and added that if the family had "feared a visit from the police" they would not have left evi-

dence such as suspect gloves lying about. Mr Arledge said there were three possibilities as to why the swabs had shown traces of explosives. The explosives could have entered the house on the hands of someone else, they could have been "innocently contaminated at some stage in the course of the scientific testing", or "someone deliberately contaminated the swabs after they were taken from the defendants".

Mr Arledge also suggested that some evidence crucial to the defence case had not been made available in court during the trial. "If proper disclosure was not made, that makes the convictions dou-

bly unsatisfactory... There were a number of matters that, if they had been disclosed, would have led to the defence demanding further inquiry. If that had been pursued, the result might have been different."

Those matters, he said, related to photographs and scientific reports. He added: "In a variety of subtle ways the trial process was distorted."

The first witness, Det Sergeant Lawrence Vickery, who was attached to the bomb squad team that raided the Maguire's house on December 3 1974, said at that time bomb squad officers were not supplied with protective cloth-

ing or specific instructions on the possibility of cross-contamination, although since then new procedures had been brought in.

It emerged that he had attended the scene of a bomb explosion at the Talbot Arms pub in Chelsea on November 30, 1974, just 48 hours before he entered the Maguire house.

A statement released by the Conlon family through Mr Anthony Scrivenor, QC, who represents Mrs Sarah Conlon, the widow of Mr Conlon, who died from tuberculosis in prison, said his dying plea had been for his name to be cleared. The inquiry continues today.

Jail officers seek gas and grenades to quell cell riots

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A CALL for prison officers to be issued with CS gas and stun grenades to quell jail riots was made yesterday as the officers' union claimed that staff shortages had left some prisons in a state of "unsupervised anarchy".

Debating the penal system's renewed trouble, delegates at the Prison Officers' Association's annual conference at Portsmouth laid the blame for last month's jail disturbances at the Home Office's door.

The department's biggest "failure", delegates said, had been to reduce staff in a relentless search for efficiency savings. It had also failed to maintain sufficient stocks of riot gear. As a result, much equipment had to be borrowed from police, while many officers had had to share shields and helmets.

Mr John Bartell, the union's chairman, won thunderous

applause when he called on the Prison Department's senior managers to do "the honourable thing and resign". Another delegate described Mr Christopher Train, the Prison Service's director-general, as an "invisible man". Prison administrators had become "disciples of Saatchi and Saatchi".

While several delegates denounced the poor conditions prevailing in many jails, the overwhelming mood was of the need for discipline to be restored in the system following one of the worst waves of jail disturbances this century.

Mr Brian Caton, branch secretary of Wakefield prison, West Yorkshire, was clapped when he called for officers to be given CS gas and "stun devices". He said: "Wakefield is not against reform and liberalization. But in recognizing the need for re-

form in the Prison Service let us not forget the need for control."

Delegates claimed equipment shortages had jeopardized the safety of staff and prisoners. At Manchester, all supplies had been provided by police, while at another prison affected by riot no one had been able to find the key to the store cupboard.

Mr Peter Hall, branch chairman at Pucklechurch Remand Centre, near Bristol, Avon, where several hundred young offenders ran amok, claimed manpower shortages were a big problem. Because of it, cell searches had been "virtually non-existent" for nine months before the riot and cannabis smoking by inmates was widespread.

Mr Bartell, whose speech received a standing ovation, claimed Home Office "propaganda" had obscured the fact that overtime cuts brought about by the Fresh Start agreement meant that prisons had lost 306,000 staff man hours each week. That equated to 7,650 officers.

Accusing the department of putting money before "life and limb", he said: "The cost of dangerously low-staffing levels lies smouldering in the ruins of many parts of the prison system. Nearly 3,000 prisoners are now dispersed into other prisons, which are already jam-packed, dangerously under-staffed, and potential powder kegs."

Alluding to the union's plans to ballot its members on industrial action over the staffing issue, he added: "There should be no misunderstanding. We will not stand idly by and watch the mistakes of the past being repeated. We will not be the willing participants in a plot where we are the cannon fodder for other people's mistakes."

Mr Terry McLaren, prison officer at Wandsworth, in south London, said "woolly-headed" officials "could not organize a panic on the Titanic".

As the delegates denounced the Home Office, they heard that prisoners in D wing at Frankland Prison near Durham had rioted early yesterday, smashing furniture through cell windows and setting it alight.

Mr John Carrigan, the association's branch secretary at Frankland, said: "Prisoners were throwing cell furniture out of windows into the exercise yard and trying to set it alight."

The Home Office played down the disturbance and described the situation at Frankland as "calm".

Government's apparent decision not to help the city's council meet the £2 million cost of policing the riot. "I think it is disgusting that Greater Manchester's population will have to pay for it in their community charges. The Home Office should have to pay."

Mr Hancock said he could confirm reports that a decision by Mr O'Neil to send in "control and restraint" squads into the jail within 48 hours of the disorder erupting had been overruled by the Prison Department.

"He made a decision on the Monday. We had in excess of 400 trained staff already to go in... I can confirm because I was there that there was a telephone call to stand down. The staff were told they were not to be committed and it (the riot) had to be treated in the same way as a passive demonstration would be treated - by negotiation."

Standards set by the community at large, including its attitudes to "relatively accepted crimes" such as driving offences, fraud, creative accounting and tax evasion, influence young offenders, the Princess Royal said yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes). It was through the example set by the community that abnormal behaviour could be assessed, and young people tested the system and found it to make sense should join the ranks of volunteer prison visitors, she told the National Association of Prison Visitors in London.

Mr Serle said prison officers had faced inmates intent on "brutalizing" staff and innocent prisoners alike. Police have launched a murder inquiry after the death of one inmate during the riot.

As he began to speak Mr Serle theatrically produced a puppet dressed up like a prison officer. It had been the staff's mascot during the riot, which left the jail a virtual ruin. He said the staff, appalled by the Home Office's alleged mismanagement of the prison system, had tended to drop the puppet's trousers every time an administrator's name was mentioned.

Mr Serle praised the police and other emergency services for the help they had offered staff during the riot and said Mr Brendan O'Neil, Strangeways' governor, had been brilliant. "Had it not been for him, ministers would have closed Strangeways," he said. Prison officers had displayed "remarkable bravery and loyalty".

He interrupted his plaudits by voicing disbelief over the



Mr William Davis, the British Tourist Authority chairman, with a wax model of a wilting tourist at Madame Tussaud's yesterday to mark the London museum's fourth year as the most popular tourist attraction charging admission

British industry chiefs lagging in salary league

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

IN SPITE of receiving the highest executive salary increases in Europe for the third consecutive year the pay of Britain's captains of industry, which averages £68,500, remains well behind that in other European countries.

Although the gap is closing, it will take a decade or more for United Kingdom managing directors to catch up with the leaders, the Swiss, whose total remuneration, at £136,134, is nearly 28 per cent more than their nearest rivals, the Germans, and 99 per cent more than the British. Of 10 countries covered in a survey by P-E International, the European management and computer consultancy, only the Irish MD, on £60,396, earns less than his British equivalent.

The report shows that while managing directors of United Kingdom companies have been awarded themselves increases of up to 12 per cent, the actual benefit, because of inflation running at 9.4 per cent, is much less than in the Netherlands, where predicted salary increases of 8 per cent contrast with an inflation rate of 2.1 per cent.

P-E International's survey shows that the United Kingdom managing director fares better in terms of net pay after tax and social security deductions, moving from 8th to 6th position, because at 40 per cent Britain has one of the lowest top marginal rates of taxation in Europe.

In net pay terms, the survey

shows, the British MD gets more in his pocket than the Spanish, Dutch, Danish and Irish, although this position is expected to change as other European countries reduce their top marginal tax rates.

The total remuneration of £89,324 for a Danish company chief is reduced to a net of £35,757 after deductions.

The report also charts the incidence of bonuses and average bonus amounts in each country and shows there is an increasing move towards them throughout Europe, particularly in Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Spain, where more executives are receiving rewards directly related to company profitability.

The provision of bonuses in the countries surveyed breaks down into three groups. In the top group are France, Switzerland and Germany, where 80-90 per cent of executives receive a bonus.

In the second group are

Belgium, Ireland, Spain and the UK, where 50 per cent to 60 per cent benefit. In the remaining countries, the Netherlands, Italy and Denmark, only 25 per cent to 40 per cent receive bonuses.

The survey, which covered 37,922 executives and managers in 3,586 companies, shows that benefits have now become an integral part of the executive's reward package. While share option schemes are relatively rare in the rest of Europe, United Kingdom senior executives have the edge, with 70 per cent having the opportunity to participate.

In the area of company cars, the UK executive moves to the top of the league. At MD level, the provision of a car is almost universal at 98.2 per cent, compared with 63 per cent in The Netherlands. P-E International forecasts that in the future, because of inflation, the level of real income for UK executives is likely to fall.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S SALARIES*

Country	Total remuneration (£)	Rank	Net pay (£)	Rank	Cost of living index (1988)	Rank
Switzerland	136,134	1	85,082	1	74,420	1
Germany	106,449	2	61,102	2	59,767	3
Italy	104,154	3	61,516	3	57,762	4
France	95,665	4	63,384	2	62,509	2
Denmark	89,324	5	35,757	9	31,311	9
Belgium	87,008	6	48,803	5	48,754	5
Netherlands	87,237	7	42,321	8	45,312	7
Spain	87,062	8	43,945	7	47,303	6
UK	68,500	9	44,627	6	44,627	8
Ireland	60,396	10	30,765	10	29,657	10

* Assumes companies have a turnover of £70-£80 million.

† Tax & Social Security deducted assuming a married man with two children.

Women 'hit worst' by health cuts

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN have been the main victims of health service cuts in London over the past 10 years, as users, carers and workers, according to a survey published today by the London Health Emergency Group.

The report says there has been a significant erosion in family planning, gynaecology and abortion services and inadequate progress on screening services for cervical and breast cancer, and points to the closure of local maternity hospitals.

Hospitals for women only, such as the South London Women's Hospital have closed, and the famous Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, which used to be staffed by women for women, now employs male doctors.

Between 1980 and 1987, 450 maternity beds closed, 16 per cent of all provision. Since then, smaller units such as the Perivale Hospital in Ealing and Victoria Maternity Hospital in Barnet have also closed down. Although they are to be replaced by centralized units, there is an overall loss of beds and reduced accessibility. In addition, many districts have introduced tougher geographical restrictions on maternity admissions, limiting the choice of birthplace.

The London Health Emergency Group warns that the position is likely to get worse under the health service reforms women might have to travel further for treatment and have less choice because provision will be dictated by contracts drawn up by health authorities. In addition, the estimated six million carers in Britain, mainly women, will gain little from the Community Care reforms, the group says.

Female staff in the health service have also been more vulnerable to cuts and cost efficiency measures. Competitive tendering of ancillary services, which the report says results in job losses and lower pay, has affected women staff more than men. The district-by-district survey shows heavy cuts in family planning services in many districts, including the inner and outer London health districts of Ealing, Hounslow, Kingston and Esher, Barking, Havering and Brentwood, Redbridge, Bromley and West Lambeth.

In some authorities, family planning and "well women" services are now generally provided by the GP rather than in health service clinics. In Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton, west London, those services have been merged with family planning services and reduced from 30 weekly sessions to 18 since 1988. A package of cuts recently agreed by Wandsworth health authority, south London, will include reductions in post-natal maternity beds and cutbacks in routine family planning services.

In the City and Hackney, East London, women requiring an abortion after 12 weeks who do not have "significant medical grounds" are being advised to go direct to a private advisory service. The report claims that, although the district is supposed to provide abortions up to 12 weeks, in reality the service is too overloaded.

Gynaecology services were cut in Waltham Forest by 25 per cent in 1988 and could be cut again by as much as another 50 per cent, although

waiting lists have nearly doubled since 1984, it says.

"As users, carers and workers, women of all age groups have suffered from the continuing assault on hospital and community services," Miss Rosie Newbigging, London Health Emergency coordinator, said.

Suffering the cuts: a survey of cuts in health services for women in London (London Health Emergency, Uxbridge Road, London W12 0NS, £2)

People who take fright at the sight of a spider in the bath are being invited to confront their worst fears at close quarters (Thomson Prentice writes).

Psychologists seeking volunteers for the project do not hold out the offer of an instant cure for the phobia, but believe it will cast new light on the causes and effects of anxiety. Research has suggested that frightened phobics show a temporary loss of memory and fail to recognize everyday objects or images.

"We promise not to scare them out of their wits, but it will be a mildly unpleasant experience," Dr Katrina Coyle, of the Medical Research Council unit in Cambridge, said yesterday. "We will use the biggest spider we can find, but it will be a domestic species rather than something like a tarantula."

Spider lovers in Taunton, Somerset, are to hold an appreciation day next month to highlight their eight-legged friends' "pretty, attractive personalities".

Embassy in nuclear trigger hoax

DEVICES alleged to be nuclear triggers sent through the post to the Iraqi embassy were in fact electronic components used for household appliances, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A spokesman said the episode seemed to have been the work of a hoaxer; the components did not have any nuclear weapons application. The devices were handed in at the Foreign Office by an Iraqi diplomat.

The packet with "nuclear triggers" written on it and containing 28 components had been posted to the embassy. Ministry of Defence officials had examined the components, which consisted of capacitors and resistors.

Sunday trading

A renewed battle over a DIY company's Sunday trading started yesterday when magistrates at Cwmbran, Gwent, began hearing a test case against the B&Q chain referred back to them by the European Court last year. Torfaen Borough Council first brought the prosecution against B&Q two years ago.

Doyle honoured

Sixty years after his death, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is to be honoured with a statue of his famous creation, Sherlock Holmes, erected in the centre of Edinburgh. It will be placed in Picardy Place near the site where Sir Arthur was born in 1859 and will depict the detective dressed in his Inverness cape and deerstalker.

Maxwell case

A action brought by Mr Robert Maxwell alleging that he was defamed by the BBC and Mr Arnold Kemp, editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, has been settled out of court, it was disclosed yesterday. News of the settlement came minutes before evidence was to be heard at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

Lake spoiled

VANDALS have dumped 200 gallons of oil into a popular Kent lake used by water-skiers and swimmers. So far, six dogs are ill as a result. Police are warning locals and Bank holiday-makers to stay away from the lake near Creek Road, Cliff Village, near Rochester, until the hydraulic or lubricating oil is removed.

BOOTLE BY-ELECTION

Labour loyalty goes unquestioned

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, BOOTLE

THE posters festooning Bootle urging people in that vacuous phrase to "show you care" by voting for Mike Carr provide the evidence that it is solid Labour territory.

No poster blitz could achieve the sheer number displayed across the grim Merseyside constituency. In street after street the red and yellow colours of the party are a testament to the loyalty of its supporters in an impenetrable stronghold.

Shortly after Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, had met Miss Caroline Isherwood at a small

engineering factory in the constituency, the first-time voter explained without hesitation that she would be supporting Labour in tomorrow's by-election.

Asked why, Miss Isherwood replied: "Because we are a Labour family. I don't know much about it but it's in the family. We always vote Labour."

She no doubt was one of those whom Mr Jack Holmes, the Social Democrat candidate, had in mind when he commented yesterday: "It is a sad thing to see the hopeless loyalty the people have for the

Labour Party. The most glaring omission in the Labour Party campaign is that there is no record whatsoever of their achievements in Bootle."

Wisely, given that the neighbouring constituency, and a much smarter one, is Crosby, scene of one of the SDP's brief but ephemeral successes, Mr Holmes did not ponder long on the question of loyalty. In spite of the 24,477 majority bequeathed by the late MP, Mr Allan Roberts, the party headquarters is taking no chances.

The leadership is determined that, however safe the

seat, Labour cannot take past loyalties for granted. In 1987 Labour won 66.9 per cent of the poll; the party aims to maintain that and hopes the Tory candidate, a Yorkshire barrister fighting his third solid Labour parliamentary seat, may lose his deposit.

The candidates: Mr Carr (Lab); J Clappison (Con); J Cunningham (Lib Dem); K White (Lib); S Brady (Green); J Holmes (SDP); T Schofield (Ind); Lord D Sutch (Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock Party).

General election: Allan Roberts (Lab) 34,975; P Papworth (Con) 10,498; P Denham (SDP/All) 6,520. Lab maj: 24,477.

Council's ban on advertising was illegal and perverse, court told

By MARK SOUSTER

A LABOUR council's decision to ban advertisements in *The Times Educational Supplement* and other publications owned by News International was attacked as illegal and perverse in the High Court yesterday, and one which could adversely affect the educational welfare of schoolchildren in Derbyshire.

Derbyshire County Council allegedly imposed the ban after reports in *The Sunday Times* last September about Mr David Bookbinder, the council's leader, and its pension fund. Mr Bookbinder has issued writs for libel. In Octo-

ber the ruling Labour group resolved to "fully endorse" the libel action and withdraw all advertising from News International publications.

As a result, advertising worth £61,610 a year was switched from the *TES* to *The Guardian* at an increased cost of £72,550 a year. Between October and December 250 posts were advertised by the council, but none in the *TES*. Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans were told that the *TES* was the main channel for advertising school job vacancies and the council's decision would seriously

hinder its ability to recruit competent teachers.

The Times Supplements Ltd, News International, Times Newspapers and Mrs Pauline Latham, a Derbyshire county councillor, are seeking a declaration that the decision was unlawful, and an injunction to restrain the council from acting on it.

The council denies acting improperly, claiming the education committee decided to advertise teaching vacancies in *The Guardian* only after careful consideration and that it was not influenced by *The Sunday Times* reports.

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There can be all sorts of reasons, and the same problems may manifest themselves in a variety of ways. While one child may be withdrawn, another will be persistently cheeky, rude or even aggressive, seeking the attention in the classroom that they don't get anywhere else.

The teacher must be sensitive enough to recognise the problem, try to find out what the cause is and then of course do something about it.

If the problem is a serious one, there are usually

staff at the school whose responsibility it is to talk to the child, visit the parents or even have a word with specialist services, if that is required. But there is always a great deal you can do yourself as a teacher. Just by taking a personal interest in the child, you'll be surprised at how quickly her behaviour may begin to change. (After all, you may be the first person who has.)

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50-year record low for strikes

The number of industrial stoppages last year was the lowest for more than 50 years, Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, said in the Commons.

There were 12.9 million working days lost per year in the period 1970 to 1979 and 7.2 million from 1980 to 1989. It was provisionally estimated that 5.1 million days were lost in the 12 months ended last March.

Mr Phillips Oppenheim (Amber Valley, C) said that a return to the unbridled secondary picketing that would be possible under Labour's proposals would destroy that progress.

Mr Howard said nothing would be more guaranteed to deal a death blow to the economic prospects of the country than Opposition proposals to make striking easier.

Aid pledge for bank

The Government will be working closely with the president-designate of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development so that it can begin work as soon as possible on helping in the restructuring of the economies of Eastern European countries. Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a written reply.

Parliament's new members

Mr David Trimble, who retained Upper Bann for the Ulster Unionist Party in last week's by-election, took his seat in the Commons. Lord Wake of Chertsey, formerly Sir Cullen Wade, a joint treasurer of the Conservative Party, was introduced in the Lords.

MPs' £5.9m for travel

Expenses incurred by MPs in travel between their homes and Westminster and their constituencies amounted to £5,913,667 during the last financial year, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said in a Commons written reply.

House TV

Commons officials are looking into the options for providing a satellite television service for MPs. Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said in a written reply.

Fur exports

Total value of all furs exported from the United Kingdom last year was £132 million, Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Spring recess debates on a variety of subjects. Lords (2.30): Debates on civil liberties and on population growth.

Tories plead for people in difficulty on poll tax

A NUMBER of Conservative MPs made clear their reservations about the community charge when MPs debated the issue yesterday.

They spoke of unfairness and called on the Government to help those finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Mr Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the environment, who opened the debate, said that the poll tax was transferring money from the already poor to the already rich.

He pressed his party's case for a local income tax.

Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Local Government, in his first Commons speech since taking over responsibility for the community charge, said that as the new system settled down the basic principle, that nearly every adult should contribute to the cost of local services, was widely accepted.

Mr Taylor, opening the debate, moved that the Government should take immediate action to bring help to hard pressed poll tax payers this year and backdate it to the introduction of the poll tax in Scotland. The motion also stated that the Government should change the tax so that it related directly to ability to pay.

He said that it was apparent only two months after the introduction of the poll tax in England and Wales that it was unaccountable, unfair and inefficient. The report in *The Times* last week, that in some areas half of those liable had not yet paid any poll tax, showed the problems facing the Government in upholding its argument that the system was correct.

The most remarkable thing about it was that those who gained were already among the better off.

Most Conservative MPs took the view that some kind of change needed to be introduced. The Government could increase the amount payable to local authorities. However, an extra £1 billion would save each adult only £28 and would miss those most in need of help. It was hard to believe that the Government would go down that road.

Another option was to transfer control of police, education and fire services from local authorities. But that would have a knock-on effect on income tax nationally and would mean that most people believed should remain under local control.

The Government could improve the transitional relief scheme which was limited in application. An extension of that relief now, and retrospectively in Scotland, would target money better than increased grants.

But all of that tinkered with the margins and did not tackle the fundamental problem.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) said that there was a possibility of moving away from the present system to banding from next year. One could have more than three bands to remove the discontinuity in the system.

Mr Taylor said that the problem would still remain. The

final option was capping most or all authorities. But that would be a disaster for local services and a grotesque centralization of power.

The local income tax proposed by his party would be collected through PAYE at the end of the year on the basis of the tax paid and the area in which the taxpayer lived.

It was alleged that the administrative costs would be unduly high, but existing Inland Revenue information could be used, thus saving £750 million in bureaucracy and getting rid of many bureaucrats in the process. The expansion of the Inland Revenue would be small because the structure was already there.

Contrary to what was alleged, there was no new complex system to be introduced. It was said that it would be difficult to enforce, but that would not be so when compared with the poll tax.

Mr Portillo said that rates were grossly unfair. That unfairness derived mainly from the fact that property values were no proxy for wealth or income and that any system based on property would repeat the injustice of the rates.

Mr John Lee (Pondicherry, C) said that people like him were particularly unhappy at the gap between the new community charge figures and the low historic costs of the rates.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolton, Lab) said that if Derbyshire county council's standard spending assessment had been calculated on the same basis as Westminster's, the county council would not have levied a poll tax at all. It would be handing back money. The calculations had been made because of the political complexion of Westminster.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said Mr Portillo had made his reputation in the Department of Health and Social Security directing public assistance to those most in need. He should do so again.

Many people who were just beyond the line of eligibility for rebates for the community charge, but were by not stretch of the imagination well off were in difficulty in putting together the money for the community charge. The Government should look after those people who were finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Mr Portillo said that the rebate system was much more generous than that which applied to rates, helping 10 million people on the lowest incomes. With transitional relief, it softened the change for 7,500 million people.

As the workings of the charge became better understood, it would bring improved accountability everywhere.

He was not surprised that in such a big upheaval many things needed to be adjusted and put right. He had been listening to MPs and to what those in local government had had to say.

The policy of not paying the charge was espoused by 28 Labour MPs. "How legislators in a democracy can advocate breaking the law is beyond my comprehension."

Attack on union 'bully boys'

THE fact that in the very week that Arthur Scargill called for industrial action once more, the Labour Party would be putting forward a proposal to make it easier for him to bring his bully boys back on the streets was not without significance, Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, said in the Commons.

Answering questions, he said that the Government had no plans to restrict the power of courts to sequester union assets. Any proposal to restrict that power would enable trade unions to flout the law with impunity.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) said that those who wished to repeal this legislation were frozen fossils — to use the words of Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union — locked in a time warp.

Mr Howard said that, unlike frozen fossils, such proposals would have potential for wreaking infinite damage on the economic prospects of every man, woman and child in the country.

Economic sanctions against S Africa 'almost irrelevant'

ECONOMIC sanctions against South Africa had become almost irrelevant as a result of irreversible reforms introduced by President de Klerk, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) had asked her to confirm that her meeting with President de Klerk last Saturday had been extremely satisfactory and that she had found him a man of integrity and courage, and a man in a great hurry for reform.

"In those circumstances, will she continue to relax what few economic sanctions we have and withdraw from the Glen Eagles agreement and restore sporting links?"

Loud Labour protests interrupted as Mrs Thatcher replied. She said: "I think that everyone who saw or heard him has admired his integrity and courage. He has embarked on reforms that are irreversible, to bring an end to apartheid and to



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go, through negotiations, to democratic government on a non-racial basis.

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Howe offers to clear blockage

By JOHN LEWIS

A WAY of smoothing the legislative passage of important works schemes, such as marinas, ports and even the Channel tunnel fast rail link, is being put forward by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the Commons, in a consultation document to be published in the next two or three weeks.

The steady flow of private Bills has run into increasing opposition from Conservative and Labour backbenchers and has threatened to clog the parliamentary system.

Earlier this session, Sir Geoffrey was compelled to adopt a little used procedure to revive 20 private Bills that were opposed last year and were in danger of being lost.

Part of the opposition arose from the fear of Labour MPs that the Associated British Ports

Bill, to build a deep sea port at Immingham on the Humber, would be used to import cheap coal from South Africa, South America and Poland, putting at risk the future of marginal British pits. Other MPs, however, objected to what they considered to be primarily planning matters coming to the Commons at all. They believed that such matters were better dealt with by public inquiries.

Sir Geoffrey has completed discussions with the Cabinet Office and key ministers, including Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, on how to handle the matter.

He is understood to be rejecting any single solution in favour of a flexible strategy that will involve treating projects differently. At present, many go through the private Bill procedure, a few are hybrid Bills which have the backing of the Government. Road and other schemes go through the planning inquiry process.

Sir Geoffrey is proposing to use a mixture of all three. Essentially local planning projects, such as marinas, will go to public planning inquiries with little, if any, parliamentary involvement, perhaps by means of an order that can be debated if MPs insist. The argument is that many go the private Bill route only by historical accident.

At the other extreme, schemes such as the Channel tunnel fast rail link, which have national aspects, could have a planning phase as well as a streamlined private Bill-type procedure.

In between might be a ports scheme that has both local and national significance and could go through another version of the parliamentary and the public inquiry formula.

The proposals could affect the EuroRail Channel tunnel fast rail link. Mr John Fletcher, chairman of EuroRail, has told Kent MPs that he wants the Government to agree to the project's being treated as a hybrid Bill; that would guarantee government support in the Commons, but not in the House of Lords.

Sir Geoffrey, however, is not prepared to tailor a solution to

Government is highest taxpayer, says Kinnock

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THE Government was the highest taxpayer in British history. Mr Neil Kinnock told the Prime Minister at question time. He said that Mr John Major, the Chancellor, had admitted that earlier in the day, but Mr Major, sitting close by, shook his head vigorously in denial.

The Prime Minister countered with the claim that the actual level and rate of income tax had been reduced at all levels.

Mr Kinnock: Will the Prime Minister confirm, as her Chancellor acknowledged earlier today, that under her Government the tax burden on British families is higher than under any government in history? (Labour cheers)

Mrs Thatcher: I will confirm that at all levels of income, the actual rate and level of income tax has been reduced, on earned income from 83p in the pound when we went into Downing Street to some 40p on top rate, and from 33p to 25p on standard rate. People have done very well as to increased income and reduced tax levels (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: Yes, and after that disposable income has been obtained, people are faced with doubled VAT, higher charges and now poll tax, which is rising.

Why is she still not admitting she is charging the highest burden of taxation of any government in history?

Why are the Government and the Prime Minister so reluctant to claim what is truly their record for being the biggest taxpayers ever?

Mrs Thatcher: I doubt very much whether the people will want to go back to 83p (on earnings) and 98p in the pound on savings income or to have taxes put up, as I understand he would like to.

Their incomes have gone up tremendously and most — no doubt all — have had a substantial increase in their standard of living.

Mr Kinnock: Does she recall making the promise that the share of the nation's income taken by the state will be steadily reduced? She ranted on that promise, of course, but she admitted, after 11 years, after all the North Sea oil revenue, asset sales and fiddles on pensions, that they are still the biggest taxpayers in history?

Mrs Thatcher: We have by far the biggest income in history,

and the lowest tax rates since before the war.

Under the Labour Government spending had gone up and up but the Labour Chancellor had not had the courage to finance it honestly, but had taken a public sector borrowing requirement of 9 per cent of gross domestic product, an amount which would now have been equal to £44 billion a year.

Dame Elaine Keleth-Rowan (Lancaster, C) said that the Government would not raise taxes on people with modest incomes, such as local government officers and nurses, while Labour, with increased prices and taxes, would "skin them alive".

Mrs Thatcher said that many people on medium incomes, such as teachers, nurses, and police officers, would be adversely affected by price increases brought in by the Labour Party. She added that the Labour Party would never gain office so that it could implement the increases.

Bill would fight drugs at school

THE drugs menace began in the classrooms and that was the place to begin the fight against it, Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said when given leave to introduce the Drugs Testing (Schools) Bill in the Commons under the 10-minute-rule procedure.

The Bill, which has little chance of becoming law, would allow the random testing of schoolchildren for drugs. It was 20 years since an attempt had been made to introduce a similar Bill, he said. In the meantime nothing had been done and difficulties with drugs had increased. It was time for more positive action.

"There is hardly a secondary school in the country that does not have a problem with drugs. Testing is essential because if schoolchildren know that they are likely to be tested they will be less likely to experiment with drugs. For those already on the drugs trail it is important to identify them and offer early help to minimize the problem."

Testing on youngsters from 14 upwards would be simple and 100 per cent effective, he added, and it would remove a strain from teachers, headmasters, educationists, medical officers, doctors and the health service.

"This Bill is aimed at assisting people who over the years have attempted to stop children and others ruining their lives and, more often, their families' lives by taking drugs. Something more positive must be done."

"As the Princess of Wales said at a drugs conference last week, we should catch them in the classrooms before the dealers catch them at the school gates."

The problem was how to catch them and how to stop them before they became hooked. Random testing at schools would both deter and discover the problem. The drugs menace should be eliminated for the sake of our children and future grandchildren.

Advertising controls

THE Department of Health is to look at the possibility of legislation to control advertising by private sector clinics. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said in a Commons written reply.

He said that he was aware of concern about certain advertising by some clinics. All those connected with advertising of clinical services had a duty to ensure that people were not misled by false, doubtful, or exaggerated claims. Doctors, he added, had a special responsibility.

Battle joined for question time

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

PUPPET MPs, long-winded ministers and manipulative whips all stand accused of abusing Commons question time.

The Commons procedure committee is demanding the end to planted or syndicated questions tabled en masse on behalf of compliant MPs to make sure that questioning of ministers, and particularly of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is dominated by "desirable subjects".

In an outspoken attack on the practices of many MPs and ministers, the committee recommends tight controls on the number of oral questions tabled by MPs to speed and sharpen exchanges in the House.

The committee has the support of Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, who has spoken of his frustration at the increasing abuse of question time, notably of questions obviously tabled by whips or others in the name of an MP. He cited a recent trade and industry question time which proved "how iniquitous the system is". He said: "No fewer than 29 questions were not present to ask the questions in which they were ostensibly interested. I suspect many of them were not even aware that these questions had been tabled in their name."

The committee's investigation found that the number of oral questions appearing on the Commons order paper has risen from 8,175 in the 1980-81 session to 23,932 last session.

The number of questions tabled for the twice-weekly Prime Minister's question time increased to more than 13,000 last session, occupying about 430 pages of the order paper. An average number of questions tabled for each 15-minute session is 200, but only rarely are more than five or six reached. By comparison, the highest number of questions Mr Harold Macmillan ever had to face as Prime Minister in one day was 10, and they were all reached.

The committee says: "That this is a

grotesque waste of resources, both human and material, is recognized on all sides; there was unanimity on this point in the evidence submitted to us."

Some MPs blamed the increase in the number of research assistants for the huge rise in the tabling of questions, but the committee pointed to syndication as the main culprit.

"By this we mean the practice adopted by parliamentary private secretaries (linkmen between ministers and backbench MPs) and, to a lesser extent, by whips of farming out pre-arranged groups of identical (or near identical) and often vague texts to a large number of individual members, with a view to increasing the probability of 'desirable' subjects dominating question time."

One Commons clerk estimated that a large majority of oral questions tabled to the Prime Minister are syndicated and up to half of those to other ministers. The only exceptions appear to be questions to Welsh and Northern Ireland ministers.

The committee concludes that syndication is "quite simply an abuse" which no one giving evidence had supported.

"Indeed, we suspect that it is an unwelcome feature of the House which began on a small scale and has mushroomed, as each side has felt obliged to respond with every increasing vigour to the efforts of the other."

"What is undeniable is that syndication has now very nearly taken over question time, turning it into yet another area of the House's activities which is organized — some would say manipulated — by the business managers."

Since the practice depends on the passive willingness of MPs to sign questions to be tabled in his or her name, the committee wants MPs to be compelled to hand in their questions personally and to be restricted to two questions per minister.

It adds: "We recognize that this may be

seen by some members as an onerous requirement. On the other hand, we believe that the majority of the House would be willing to pay such a price in order to make syndication more difficult to organize."

The committee also appeals to each MP not to become a party to syndicates. It says that those who do succumb are often caught out because their supplementary questions "expose a lack of understanding of the subject and are rather desultory."

Verbose MPs and ministers are also criticized by the committee for doubling the average time spent on each question.

"This is due, we suspect, partly to a greater tendency to put wordy, argumentative questions, as question time has, in the view of many members, developed an increasingly adversarial and overly partisan character in recent years."

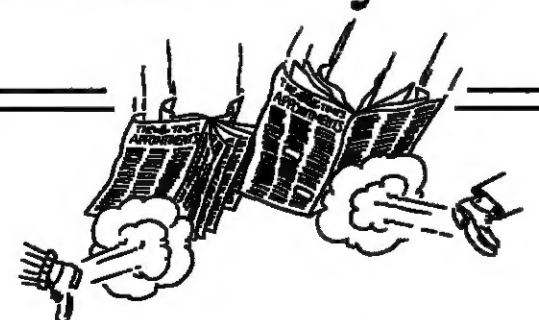
The Speaker told the committee: "... when it comes to long-windedness, ministers are sometimes the worst offenders, occasionally even reading a lengthy statement in reply to a question. This is not only an abuse, it also provokes Opposition members into responding in kind."

The committee supports a new regime of brevity and it backs any move by the Speaker to enforce "later, more indirect sanctions" against persistent offenders. Mr Speaker Hylton-Foster had been known to interrupt and call the next question if he felt that a minister was taking an inordinate time to reply, he recalls.

The committee hopes that better controls will allow another three or four MPs a day to question a minister. That may not usher in a new era of near perfect parliamentary accountability, but it could help backbench MPs who are genuinely seeking answers to their carefully constructed questions.

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Vigilantes on patrol after black violence

From GAVIN BELL IN THABONG

THE embers of revolt are still smouldering in a riot-torn black township in the heart of South Africa's goldfields, but the immediate threat of a race war appears to have been averted.

The residents of Thabong in the Orange Free State resumed a semblance of normal life yesterday after a weekend of violence in which eight people were killed and about 40 wounded by police gunfire. General lawlessness claimed another victim on Monday, when a former black councillor of the township was stabbed to death and set alight by an angry mob.

The aftermath resembled Belfast after a bad night. Virtually every street was littered with burnt-out cars and barricades thrown up to impede police intervention. Smoke was still drifting from several stores which had been firebombed and looted.

The Holokile Beer Garden was evidently a prime target. Its facade wrecked, its iron grilles saved some of the stock from looters, but what the mobs were unable to steal they smashed and burnt.

A few stones were thrown at armoured police vehicles which took journalists to the scene, but it was more a desultory gesture than orchestrated defiance.

Residents blame the police for the violence, by breaking up a procession of mine-workers and youths from the township on Sunday. Mr Eric Daliwong, aged 30, said: "When the people see the police they are getting angry. If the police don't come, there is no trouble." His neighbour, Moses, perceives a deeper cause: "I don't think it's right to throw stones and I'm glad it's finished, but I still have no job and I can't feed my family. That's the big problem. How can you live a normal life without food and money?"

Major Johann Fouché, the police regional liaison officer, denies his men incited the clashes and says they acted with restraint. "When crowds

began attacking vehicles and property, we were forced to intervene to prevent crime. But I believe we are more disciplined than security forces in some other countries. Our policy is simply to restore order and then withdraw."

Whatever the truth, the confrontation was symptomatic of tensions created throughout South Africa by the gradual dismantling of apartheid, with an emboldened black majority exerting its new political muscle. In Thabong, the conflict was sharpened by the bellicose rhetoric of right-wing vigilantes patrolling the adjacent white mining town of Welkom. Much of the lawlessness, however, was attributed by community leaders to militant youths with no political affiliations. Officials of the Mass Democratic Movement, an anti-apartheid coalition affiliated to the African National Congress, organized a meeting yesterday in an attempt to restore peace.

It appears the youths were angered by a decision to suspend a black boycott of white businesses in Welkom, arguing that it should continue until a critical lack of teachers and educational facilities in Thabong was resolved.

Mr Mbulelo Bunge, a local MDM official, said: "We assured them we would address this issue urgently, and in return they agreed to help us control criminal elements among the youth. Providing the police don't provoke anything, I think calm can be maintained."

Although the boycott officially ended yesterday, virtually no blacks were seen in Welkom's business district. Township dwellers said many of them were still afraid of being accosted by the vigilantes. The only positive result of the conflict has been an agreement by separate black and white mining unions to resolve future problems under the auspices of the Chamber of Mines.



South African playground: Children playing round a burnt-out car in the black township of Thabong, where eight people died in weekend riots

Pretoria may tighten gun laws to curb hardliners

Johannesburg A TOUGHENING of South Africa's liberal gun laws, which at present allow people to buy almost any type of firearm, is being considered by the Government to curb the brazen display of weaponry by white vigilante groups such as in Welkom (Ray Kennedy writes).

Mr Adrian Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said in parliament in Cape Town yesterday that open intimidation by people who continued to attend meetings with all sorts of dangerous weapons had

reached a stage where it could not be allowed to continue. He declared that if people were not prepared to listen to reason they would have to deal with the full force of the law. But Mr Vlok's statement fell far short of indicating any really positive steps to reduce or

control the number of firearms in private hands. South Africa is one of the most armed societies in the world. Last year 130,855 applications for firearm licences were received by the police and 124,415 were issued — an average of nearly 34 a day.

Deng is back in spotlight

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINA'S eldest statesman, Mr Deng Xiaoping, aged 85, emerged from seclusion for the second time in just over a week, apparently reclaiming his mantle as supreme leader. His latest appearance comes after a period in which analysts have speculated that other veteran revolutionaries have been challenging his rule.

This time Mr Deng stepped into the spotlight to meet Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, and to restate China's uncompromising line on Taiwan in the wake of the Taiwan President's latest proposals on improved relations.

President Lee Teng-hui offered at the weekend to establish open economic, trade and cultural exchanges if China set up a free economy and followed the example of the Soviet Union by renouncing one-party rule. China condemned the suggestions next day through its official mouthpiece, the Xinhua news agency, which angrily described Mr Lee's preconditions as "impossible".

For his part, and in his first public utterances on politics in several months, Mr Deng blamed the US for sabotaging reunification with Taiwan, citing continued US involvement in the island republic.

Ranchers fight the wolf's return

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MORE than half a century after the last grey wolf was killed in Yellowstone National Park, a great debate is to begin in Congress on whether to reintroduce the predator, now an endangered species.

Senator James McClure of Idaho tabled a Bill in the Senate yesterday to pave the way for the animal's reintroduction. A similar Bill has already been introduced in the House of Representatives.

"The wolf is a symbol of the American wilderness and represents all we have lost in

200 years of exploitation of nature," Mr Rupert Cutler, president of Defenders of Wildlife, said.

Lined up in opposition, however, are congressmen and senators from Montana and Wyoming whose constituents include farmers and hunters who believe the wolves would kill off other wild animals and savage cattle and sheep on nearby ranches. "It may seem immaterial to someone who lives in New York, but if it is your livestock it is important," Mr Jerry Jack, executive vice-president of the Montana Stock Growers' Association, insisted.

On Monday the National Park Service published a 586-page report by independent scientists that appears to tip the balance heavily in favour of restoring wolf packs to the park. The report concludes that the impact would be very small, and suggests that at least 30 wolves should be released to yield an eventual stable population of between 50 and 120, or five to six packs.

There would be only "occasional" raids on livestock, the report claims, and Yellowstone's elk population might diminish by 15 to 25 per cent. Bison might decline by 5 to 15 per cent, and mule deer by up to 30 per cent.

Wolves once ranged freely in North America, but were killed in their thousands by European settlers living to protect both their livestock and other wild animals which they hunted for food.

The systematic government-sponsored elimination of wolves in Yellowstone, through shooting and poisoning, was begun in the 1920s and completed in the mid-1930s. By the 1950s there were very few left anywhere in the continental US.

Public attitudes have since changed, and the grey wolf is now considered ecologically beneficial. To Miss Caroline Paseneaux, executive director of the Wyoming Wool Growers' Association, however, a "howling wolf" is nevertheless "a howl of death for a rancher".

Miss Renee Atkins, a wildlife biologist, takes a more romantic view. "Some day a wee child will be bundled up and taken out on a cold, moonlit Yellowstone morning to hear wolves howling," she said. "There is still a little room left in the West for wilderness."

Mining ban sought for Antarctic

Oslo — Controversial proposals to scrap more than six years of Antarctic treaty negotiations in favour of absolute protection for the region are to be made public for the first time today at a symposium here (Tony Samstag writes).

The proposals, drafted last August by French and Australian diplomats, include a total ban on mining.

Priest rebels at 'gang' funeral

Rome — Father Franco Rapullino refused Holy Communion to those attending a funeral in Naples on Monday of Nunzio Pandolfi, a two-year-old child killed in a Camorra shoot-out, because, he said, they themselves were responsible for the child's death (Paul Bompard writes).

Crew 'laughed at stroke plea'

Oslo — Mr Haakon Ruud, aged 62, an eminent Norwegian architect, who suffered a stroke on a British Airways flight, claims his written plea for help was laughed off by cabin crew who assumed he was drunk, and he had to "half crawl" to a connecting flight (A Correspondent writes). The airline is taking the complaint seriously and is investigating the incident.

Mr Ruud lost the use of his voice and was paralysed in his right hand 30 minutes into a 13½-hour flight last week from Botswana to Gatwick. He scribbled a note asking for help.

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Romania's Hungarians lay claim to their past glories

From RICHARD BASSETT
IN ALBA IULIA, ROMANIA

WHEN exiled King Michael of Romania was a boy, King Carol insisted that the heir to the throne take lessons each day with a Hungarian and German boy from Transylvania. Whoever ruled Romania in the 20th century, the King said, would be well advised to learn to converse fluently in the language of the two minorities which, together with Romanians, inhabit the northern areas of Transylvania and the Banat.

Today the Germans, often called "Saxons", are leaving Romania. Summoned by King Geza II of Hungary in the 12th century to defend Hungary's eastern flank, their forefathers have left their Teutonic mark on every church spire, walled town and cobbled square throughout the region.

The last of Germany's colonists in Eastern Europe, they can hardly be blamed, after enduring decades of repression, for leaving their homeland and preferring the security of the Deutschmark. The elections this week

have only confirmed their deep-rooted suspicions that, as one Saxon farmer here said, "40 years of corruption cannot be removed even in a generation".

The pastor of the fairytale-like village of Schass remarked: "You can restore a building, but a man is less easy." By the end of the decade, very few of the 200,000 Saxons expected to be still here. To Romania's disgrace, this intelligent, honest and hard-working people will be lost to a country which needs precisely those qualities.

But if Mr Ion Iliescu, Romania's President-elect need not brush up his German, he would be foolish not to learn a few words of Hungarian. Preliminary election results here show that the Hungarians will be the second strongest political force in the country.

They will occupy as many as 27 seats in the Romanian Parliament which will once again offer scope to that Magyar parliamentary rhetoric which in the 1840s won Britain in spirit, if not in deed, over to the Hungarian cause.

A handful of seats in what seems to be a rubberstamp Parliament, dominated

by the National Salvation Front, will not satisfy the Hungarians. Unlike the Saxons, they have nowhere to go. Hungary today could not accommodate two million Hungarian refugees, even if such an inhumane solution were feasible.

Even without the Transylvanian Magyars, Hungary appears set to have a *Lebensraum* problem towards the end of the decade.

Nor would the Hungarians willingly relinquish what has always been for them the cradle of their culture. Where the Saxons built and fought, the Hungarians commanded and wrote. In Alba Iulia, the ancient Apulum of the Romans known in Hungarian as Gyulafehérvár, the Hungarian princes of Transylvania once ruled.

From the citadel's fortifications, still crowned by a mighty Habsburg eagle, the view stretches across the plain where in 1442 Janos Hunyadi, that most picturesque of Hungarian heroes, decisively defeated the Turks.

In contrast, Romania's glory here, such as it is, is confined to a grotesque

column which was erected under Ceausescu by an unhappy architect forced to invent some history to legitimize that dictator's transfer of hundreds of thousands of Romanians from the south of the country to Transylvania in the north.

In the ancient, dusty cathedral, where stained-glass windows are smashed, lie the sarcophagi of Hunyadi and his wife. A stone's throw away stands the *Batthyaneum*, a fabulous library of books founded by a Hungarian prince-bishop in 1794 and extensively looted by Ceausescu in the 1970s.

These and other abuses the Hungarians have never forgotten. The Front in Bucharest, however, remains silent over them.

Nearby, a Jesuit church converted into a gunpowder store is eloquent testimony to how debased this unmistakably European part of Romania has become. Despite efforts to defuse tension which has flared into violence on several occasions here since the December revolution, the Hungarians' patience is clearly running out. Those who queued

to vote here did so with long, anxious faces. For the Magyars, the Romanians were forced to vote for the National Salvation Front.

"There is only one solution to Transylvania's problems and that is complete autonomy. Why should we be ruled by a corrupt clique in Bucharest who continue to deny us our fundamental rights?" asks Mr Gabor Szabo, a teacher in the town.

"You will see," says an old German woman preparing to join relatives in Stuttgart. "The Hungarians are never satisfied. There will be more blood spilt here before long."

Mr Istvan Fischer, another teacher here, says the Hungarian success in the election is the result of their strong sense of community. "We have had to stick together for so many years. We will have to stick together for many more. These elections prove that we are always an island of civilization in a sea of chaos. But when I think of my children, I am afraid for the future."

West of here, in Timisoara, the capital of the Banat and the spark which ignited

the December revolution, the Charter of Timisoara calls on Bucharest to admit that the revolution began there on December 16, and not on December 21 as Bucharest alleges.

Article 8 of the Charter also demands that former Communist Party members should be banned from holding office for 10 years. This clause, not surprisingly, is spurned by the Front to the increasing anxiety and resentment of the people in the Banat.

In the short term all of Eastern Europe must reconcile itself to being poorer, more unstable and, in many ways, more corrupt than it has ever been before. For Romanians this will produce distortions which could rock even the well-developed system of control that the National Salvation Front has inherited from the Communists.

In comparison with Romania, Hungary is a staggeringly prosperous country. The differences in living standards which will open up between the two neighbouring countries over the next few years will serve only to exacerbate tensions.

Yeltsin's bandwagon boosted by military

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MR BORIS Yeltsin's chances of being elected President of the Russian Federation improved dramatically yesterday when pressure from deputies compelled the chairman to allow him to speak. Parts of his programme were then backed by a senior member of the Soviet military, destroying widespread assumptions that the military hierarchy might exert pressure to prevent Mr Yeltsin's election.

It was the first time in five days of acrimonious debate that Mr Yeltsin, who is the radicals' choice for President, had taken the floor, and his 10-minute address — on the sovereignty of the Russian Federation — earned him a standing ovation from about 30 supporters and loud applause from the Russian Federation's congress as a whole. Sensing perhaps that Mr Yeltsin's campaign was gathering strength, his supporters lined the pathway across the Kremlin Cathedral courtyard in an unprecedented demonstration of enthusiasm.

Mr Yeltsin's address to the thousand-strong Russian Federation congress took many deputies by surprise, as

there was a common assumption that he would be prevented from speaking. He delivered his speech to a hall silent in expectation.

He set out a 14-point programme to implement the sovereignty of the Russian Federation, which includes the negotiation of separate treaties with all the republics of the Union and with the federal authorities, a separate Russian citizenship and "complete political pluralism with a multi-party system regulated by law".

In an astute political move, his emphasis on Russian autonomy was balanced by a declaration of principle calling for unity and consensus "at this difficult and tense time in our history" and rejecting any idea of "confrontation with the centre" or of Russian separatism.

The decision to let Mr Yeltsin speak was only taken after much procedural wrangling. The debate on the sovereignty of the Russian Federation and the new Union treaty — to which Mr Yeltsin's address was a contribution — was included in the agenda after extended squabbling last week, but no speaker was nominated, although reformist deputies may have assumed that the speaker would be Mr Yeltsin.

Yesterday, however, it was announced that the speaker would be Mr Vitali Vorotnikov, the current unelected chairman of the presidium of the Russian Federation's supreme soviet, or President.

The hall erupted in anger. Mr Vorotnikov is regarded as a politician in the old style and was widely expected to be retiring from his job at the congress. His half-hour address was pedestrian and conservative in tone, carefully balancing the perceived requirements of the republic with those of the centre and suggesting that little need change except on paper.

Later, however, with President Gorbachev looking on from the gallery, a rival to Mr Yeltsin emerged, if only in terms of rhetorical skill and popularity. This was retired General Dmitri Volkogonov, a biographer of Stalin. He spans the extremes of Soviet politics — calling for a combination of more discipline and more *glasnost* — in an unusual way, which leads some to believe that he could represent the interests of the KGB.

The general spoke eloquently of the inadequacies of the Soviet political system which allowed too few real leaders to develop and so concentrated power in too few hands. To audible gasps from the audience, he said: "Our 70-year historic experiment has ended — in historic failure." And he criticized the inability of the Soviet leadership to come up with any specific strategy to extract the country from its present crisis.

Hinting at one cause that might be favoured by the military, he called for the establishment of "something like the Committee for Public Safety that was set up in France after the Revolution" to try to improve the "sad fate" of Russia today.

General Volkogonov also called for a strong Russia. "If we had had a strong Russia," he said, "then we would have none of the problems we now face in the Baltic, the Caucasus or Central Asia."

While calling for a return to discipline, the general also noted that Mr Yeltsin's proposals for Russian sovereignty "could form a good basis for national harmony" — an endorsement of Mr Yeltsin that might just clinch the Russian presidency for him.



Guardians of democracy: Armed policemen keeping watch over uncounted Romanian election votes in the cellar of a court in Ploesti

Voters give carte blanche to Iliescu

From TIM JUDAH IN BUCHAREST

THE most urgent task facing Romania's new bicameral parliament is to write a new constitution. With more than two-thirds of the votes from last Sunday's general election counted by yesterday evening its composition was beginning to emerge.

The National Salvation Front has so far gained some 67 per cent of votes and is thus heading for just over two-thirds of the seats in the new parliament. Such a majority clearly gives the Front the power to pass any legislation it so chooses and to form a government of any complexion it likes.

The Front has always described itself as a "left-of-centre movement". Its leader, President Ion Iliescu, has said on several occasions that Romania must evolve its own economic and social patterns but that he personally favours the development of a Swedish-style social democracy.

A Front government is likely to move cautiously towards a market economy. Its election is bound to reassure industrial workers who feared that any moves towards radical privatization would mean massive job losses and unemployment. Parliament's

second largest party looks set to be the Hungarian Democratic Union of Romania, representing the interests of Romania's two-million-strong Hungarian minority, with more than 7 per cent vote by yesterday evening.

The union is, by definition, a single-interest party and hence its main concern will be to secure constitutional guarantees for the rights of Romanian Hungarians. Their most fundamental demand is for separate schools and a separate university. The schools issue is already being resolved on the ground as new Hungarian-language schools reopen, but so far there has been an impasse on the question of reopening their ancient university in the Transylvanian town of Cluj.

The fact of the union's obvious electoral success is bound to alarm many Romanians especially in Transylvania. Last March there were bloody intercommunal clashes between Hungarians and Romanians in the town of Targu Mures and relations have remained poor ever since. However the party sponsored by the nationalist movement, Vatra Romanescas, appears to have done

poorly in the elections gaining less than 2 per cent.

The National Liberal Party could, when all the votes are counted, pip the Hungarian Union to the post for the position of second largest party, but yesterday evening they were trailing in third place with just more than 6 per cent. The Liberal's showing is a massive disappointment for its supporters, many of whom are intellectuals and professionals. The party favours a quicker and more radical move to a market economy than the Front and it probably stands to gain votes in two years' time if the new government fails to open up the economy.

The new parliament's fourth party is the Romanian Ecologist Movement. It has gained approximately 3 per cent of the votes so far counted.

Romania is one of the most polluted countries of Eastern Europe and new research has begun to reveal its serious effects on public health. In the town of Copșa Mica, for example, workers and their families are affected by a wide variety of illnesses directly attributable to the toxic emissions of local factories. While

the Romanian greens are as keen as their Western counterparts to bring pollution under control, they are also well aware of the massive scale of the task.

Since there appear to have been few, if any, pollution controls here over the past four decades, the job of cleaning up Romania and installing controls is going to be a long and expensive one. For this reason the Romanian Ecologists have declared that they will not oppose the opening of Romania's first nuclear power station at Cernavoda.

They say that being of Canadian and not Soviet design it is, in their opinion, safe and that they cannot oppose a "clean" source of power in a country where people have gone cold in winter for so long.

The Romanian parliament's fifth party is to be the right-wing National Peasant Party. With a derisory 2.2 per cent of the votes so far counted the party's performance has been little short of catastrophic. The party's membership and leadership has been dominated by an older generation, many of whom were simply returning to their old pre-war party. With so few seats in par-

liament it is hard to see how the party, against which the Front addressed its most vitriolic denunciations during the election campaign, can have any influence.

The question of how much influence the other main parties will have also remains to be seen. Before the election both President Iliescu and Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, indicated that they favoured the idea of a coalition government.

On Monday President Iliescu appeared to hint that this possibility might still be open. He said: "We want competent people. I personally support an opening towards all those who are ready to assume responsibility in the national interest."

Over the next few days it will become clear whether seats in the new government are really on offer to the opposition parties — and whether they would be prepared to accept them.

The National Salvation Front and its new government are now on trial. For months the Front has denied being the old communist party in disguise. The next two years will give the Front ample time to show its true colours.

Crowd attacks justice official

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN BUCHAREST

VIOLENCE erupted in Bucharest yesterday when Ministry of Justice officials arrived to talk to hunger strikers at the site of the marathon anti-communist protest which has blocked the centre of the city for four weeks.

There were ugly and chaotic scenes as one member of the government team was attacked by protesters, who have been infuriated by the ruling of the majority won by the National Salvation Front in Sunday's elections. The protesters claim the Front is merely a cover for Kremlin-style reformed communism.

As angry members of the crowd shouted "Jos communismul" (Down with communism), the official was forced to flee to the Intercontinental Hotel on the edge of the barricaded area described by posters as "an anti-communist zone".

Tony Suau, an American photographer who witnessed the attack, said: "It was very tense indeed. One protester jumped suddenly on the official's neck and tried to strangle him while other members of the crowd spat on him and kicked and hit him. It was some of the worst violence seen since the demonstration began on April 22."

Minutes later there were more violent scenes as members of the delegation escaped in two official cars still hemmed in by a mob chanting anti-communist slogans, and claiming that the election had been rigged by the communists. Voluntary stewards who have been policing the demonstration tried in vain to hold back the crowd and to keep them inside the barricaded zone.

Mr Teofil Pop, the Minister of Justice, one of those involved in the vain attempt to have talks, said that the government team had been dispatched by Mr Petre Roman, the provisional Prime Minister, who is expected to be confirmed in his post after the official results of the elections are announced on Friday. Mr Pop said that the team had been asked merely to talk to the hunger strikers, who are living in tents, to discover if they had any needs.

The protesters apparently rejected the Government's gesture and warned their supporters that, after the election, it could be expected that there would be a government attempt to break up the embarrassing demonstration.

Big rise in Soviet prices

From MARY DEJEVSKY
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's two supreme advisory bodies, the Presidential Council and the Council of the Federation, yesterday approved the Government's proposals for revising the basis of the economy from central planning to market principles.

According to advance information, the package stipulates the doubling or tripling of prices for many basic goods and the gradual withdrawal of state controls — and the state itself — from many areas of the economy.

On last night's main evening television news, Mr Gorbachev was shown in the chair at the meeting praising the reform plan. He observed, however, that some passages were still not fully worked out. The Soviet leader added that he hoped the programme would finally get the Soviet economy moving.

Further information about the range of the proposals and the timetable for their introduction became available throughout yesterday. The retail price rises for bread and grain products, which are expected to treble, will come into force as early as July, six months before all others.

This is because the wholesale prices paid by the state for Soviet grain are to be nearly doubled in the coming season in an attempt to increase productivity and reduce purchases abroad.

The connection between the increased purchase prices and higher retail prices will, however, become clear only when the whole economic reform package is presented to the Supreme Soviet later in the week. Other price rises are to be submitted for "nationwide discussion" before they are made final. The same is true of proposed new social security provisions.

An advance draft of the resolution to be submitted to the Supreme Soviet after the reform programme is laid before it lists nine separate pieces of legislation which are to be drafted before September to underpin the reforms.

Estonia warned of job losses

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN TALLINN

AS A general strike by Russian-speaking workers continues for a second day — without affecting most essential services — Dr Edgar Savisaar, the Estonian Prime Minister, warned yesterday that workers should brace themselves for considerable unemployment as a result of economic restructuring.

Introducing his Government's programme, the Prime Minister said inflation in the republic in the first quarter of this year was up by around 8 per cent over the final quarter of last year, and food prices had risen by 11 per cent — suggesting a real danger of price rises spinning out of control. Dr Savisaar said his Government was committed to privatization, but that in the case of large industries this must be a gradual process beginning with the granting of shares to workers.

He said that the most urgent reforms concerned privatization, prices policy, and compensation for people who suffer loss of income as a result of economic change. Several laws would be introduced in the summer, and in October and November there would be "complex changes". The programme is

being criticized by some economists for not being specific enough. Mr Tiit Made, an Estonian Deputy, said that it contained no details of tax reforms to stimulate foreign investment, though in his speech Dr Savisaar declared that a new law on this was almost complete. The Prime Minister added pessimistically that Estonian industry was so obsolete as a result of Soviet rule, that stimulating foreign investment would be

very difficult. Defenders of his programme point out that it is difficult to make plans when the intentions of the Soviet Government, whose decisions still dominate the Estonian economy, were so unclear.

Dr Savisaar said that the Central Bank had put forward no answers to the questions of when a new currency could be introduced, how cash could be changed from roubles to Estonian crowns and at what rate, what will happen to savings,

and whether both currencies will be in use at the same time.

However, he announced yesterday that the Government will present concrete proposals to parliament by June 1, and that the currency will be introduced in the last quarter of this year.

A Bill on land ownership is being prepared, which will also deal with the return, to former owners, of property confiscated under Soviet rule. This could cause problems in all three Baltic republics, where the houses of people deported to Siberia were given to other farmers or split up between different families, and the lands of all the peasants were merged in collective farms.

Meanwhile yesterday the Lithuanian parliament was debating alternative drafts for a fresh compromise to Mr Gorbachev. None talked of suspending the declaration of independence, but one, listing laws which should be suspended, mentioned those establishing ownership of Soviet property, stopping the activities of Soviet military recruitment offices, establishing border guards and Customs and establishing citizens' registration.



Dr Savisaar: Privatization will advance gradually

MEPs gain power with court ruling

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

IN A decision which will do much to boost the European Parliament's quest for more power, the European Court of Justice yesterday allowed the Parliament to bring its first-ever law suit against the Council of Ministers for bypassing MEPs in taking a decision on food safety.

The court agreed that Parliament could bring a case against the council for its decision in 1988 to limit the sale of food contaminated by the Chernobyl disaster without consulting the Strasbourg assembly. The ministers based their decision on an article of the Euratom treaty, which ignores Parliament's views, instead of Article 100 of the Treaty of Rome making parliamentary consultation mandatory.

Until now, Parliament has been unable to challenge any other bodies in the Community if it believes they have trampled on its interests. Only member states, the European Commission and the Council of Ministers have been able to appeal to the court to change the legal basis on which decisions are made. Yes-

terday's decision is important for two reasons. First, it explicitly recognizes for the first time the new powers given to Parliament under the Single European Act. The ruling spells out that if Parliament finds its interests overlooked, it can now take legal action.

Secondly, the ruling reinforces the role of the European Court of Justice as a kind of supreme court, able to decide the relative constitutional functions of the three pillars of the Community — the Council, the Commission and Parliament. This has substantial implications in the debate on "subsidiarity" — the principle that Brussels should leave to member states those issues best decided at national rather than EC level.

The court's agreement to look at the MEPs' complaint comes at a time when Parliament's proposals for more power are running into strong opposition from most member states, especially Britain and France, which want to keep the Council of Ministers as the Community's main decision-making body.

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Mubarak warns of 'new war' in wake of Arab deaths

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

AN UNEASY and fiftal calm yesterday returned to Israel and the occupied territories after two days of sustained violence in response to the murder of seven Arab workers by a lone Israeli gunman.

Israeli and Arab commentators used the lull to point to the deeper reasons for the explosion of Arab unrest and directed urgent pleas to Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the right-wing caretaker Prime Minister, to reconsider his opposition to Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

Both Palestinians and left-wing Israelis maintained that only a big military operation by the Israeli Army was containing a further revival of the intifada which, after 24 years, had recently been reduced to a smoulder.

In Cairo President Mubarak of Egypt, the host of a meeting of the Socialist International, gave a warning that Sunday's killing of Arab workers at Rishon le Zion was merely the immediate reason for the wave of Arab unrest. Chief among the underlying causes, he said, was the huge influx of Soviet Jews to Israel, which could "put an end to the peace process altogether and even spark off a new Middle East war".

Significantly, Palestinian unrest has spilled over into neighbouring Jordan where, despite tight control by the Jordanian authorities, the large Palestinian population has erupted in protest. Yesterday Jordanian police shot dead a boy, aged 14, during a riot at Irbid.

Sporadic violence also continued in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, where the Arab death toll stands at 20 after the rioting. Inside Israel, local Arab leaders at Nazareth yesterday blamed Monday's severe disturbances in the town on the heavy-handed action by police and troops.

There were Arab-Jewish clashes at Lod, near Tel Aviv airport, yesterday and barricades and burning tyres appeared in east Jerusalem, where police used force to break up a march by several hundred Palestinians carrying black flags.

Also yesterday Mr Ami Popper, aged 21, the immediate cause of this week's violence, appeared on Israeli television and across the front pages of all Israeli newspapers. Police said he had repeatedly deserted from the army and had tried to kill himself before reaching the point on Sunday when he lined up Arab workers from Gaza by a roadside and opened fire on them. Mr Chaim Popper, his father, said the man he saw on television was "not my Ami, not the Ami I know. His glance, those eyes, that's not Ami - it's a lunatic".

But it was the wider issue of how to defuse Palestinian anger which preoccupied the politicians. In Cairo Mr



Patriarch Latifi Laham, of the Greek Catholic Church in Jerusalem, remonstrating with a soldier during violent protests in the city yesterday

Two Yemens merge in perilous quest for a prosperous future

FROM ANDREW TAYLOR IN ADEN

THE two Arab states of North and South Yemen became one yesterday, in a merger that ended 20 years of negotiations, tension, border disputes and sporadic warfare.

A ceremony held in the former British base of Aden marked the beginning of the new Yemen Republic, the end of state communism in the Arab world. South Yemen, which had operated a hardline Marxist system, is now part of a country ruled by a joint parliament, committed to universal suffrage and political parties after 24 years.

The end of subsidies from the Soviet Union had left its economy effectively bankrupt, and given it little choice but to join together with the more traditionalist and theocratic

parties. Anybody who likes to form his own union has the guaranteed right under the constitution to work openly," he said.

"Now, all the resources which used to be devoted to antagonizing each other will be used for the benefit of the people, and for building an economic base for prosperity."

That economic base, resting on agriculture, light industry, the hope of new oil discoveries, and optimistic plans for Aden as a free port, is perilously uncertain.

There are other problems. Even now, the government exercises only partial control over tribesmen in the North, who make big profits out of smuggling and occasional hostage-taking and are worried that unification may reduce their influence and their independence.

The Saudi Government, uneasy at the thought of a strong, united Yemen on its southern border, is widely believed to have been supporting the tribesmen, but many reports say that they have already felt the sharp edge of the tribes' independent spirit.

One senior diplomat quotes a tribal leader as saying that he gladly accepts Saudi subsidies, but still does precisely as he chooses. "And he expects the subsidies to be paid promptly, and index-linked to inflation," the diplomat added.

Religious fundamentalists, also with the tacit support of the Saudis, have expressed their opposition as well. In particular, they are concerned that a clause in the new constitution which forbids "cruel and unusual" treatment will be used to stop floggings, amputations, and other Islamic punishments. They are also concerned about the role of women in the less theocratic society of South Yemen, where very few are veiled and where significant numbers have jobs as judges, diplomats and senior civil servants.

One religious leader has made a tape-recorded sermon, calling for the faithful to keep their weapons beside them in the months after unification. The tape was circulated in the markets, but immediately

Cyclone in India leaves 962 dead

Hyderabad - A cyclone that struck India's south-east Andhra Pradesh state at 150 mph, whipping up 23-ft tidal waves, killed 962 people, officials reported.

Dozens of villages are still cut off and officials fear that the death toll could pass 1,100. About 8.8 million people in 54 towns and 5,165 villages were affected (Reuters)

Actress stable

Los Angeles - The actress, Elizabeth Taylor, aged 58, who came close to death in her battle with pneumonia, is in stable condition and will remain in hospital for at least another month, her spokeswoman said. (Reuters)

Minister quits

Ottawa - Mr Lucien Bouchard, Canada's Environment Minister, has resigned after it was revealed he had sent a telegram of support to the separatist movement in French-speaking Quebec, official sources said. (Reuters)

Drug terms

Barcelona - A court jailed David Lawrence, aged 41, a Briton, together with Eugen Oberst Bjellad, aged 51, a Norwegian, for four years, for trying to smuggle 200-lb of hashish into Spain from North Africa. (Reuters)

Scallop ban

Tokyo - France, which imported 4,345 tons of Japanese scallops worth \$22.5 million last year, has banned such imports, apparently because of fears of poisoning, a Japanese Fisheries Agency spokesman said here. (Reuters)

Mine deaths

Tunis - Seven people, working for a West German company, were killed by Second World War landmines in the desert near Tobruk, the Libyan news agency, Jama, said. (Reuters)

Blind faith

New York - Three American husbands in every four told a survey they were certain their wives would never cheat, but nearly 35 per cent of them had. Wives' faith in their husbands had been equally misplaced. (Reuters)

Bomb tribute at Kashmir burial

SRINAGAR

MUSLIM militants set off 11 bombs and youths fired guns in the air to honour a martyr. Kashmiri cleric Maulvi Farooq was buried yesterday, the day after police killed at least 58 people mourning his death.

Security forces kept their distance when about 100,000 people marched in funeral procession carrying the body of Mirwais Maulvi Farooq and about 300,000 attended his burial. Maulvi Farooq, the top Muslim religious leader in the Kashmir valley and a supporter of the region's independence movement, was killed on Monday by three unidentified gunmen.

A few hours later, security forces fired on a crowd of mourners defying a curfew to carry his body from the hospital to his office. Witnesses and official sources said 58 people were killed and 300 were wounded.

As crowds estimated at one-third of Srinagar's population gathered again yesterday, the Government withdrew all security forces along the route of the funeral procession from Islamia College to Martyrs Cemetery on the outskirts of the capital.

Maulvi Farooq's rose-covered coffin was kept in a truck that moved slowly at the head of the mile-long procession. It took four hours to travel the four-mile route to the cemetery. Thousands of men and women, weeping and beating their chests, lined the streets. Boys fired pistols and revolvers in the air. "Farooq's blood will bear fruit. We will attain independence," they shouted.

As the funeral cortege reached Martyrs Cemetery, established this year to bury the people killed by Indian

security forces during the rebellion in Kashmir, militants set off 11 bombs at the far end of the prayer ground. The crowd seemed to be expecting the blast and bowed their heads. Then they screamed out independence slogans.

Maulvi Farooq's son, Umar, announced over loudspeakers that his father's last wish was for "Kashmiris to unite in the fight for independence".

An estimated 40 to 50 militant youths who had mingled in the crowd fired Kalashnikov rifles and revolvers in the air after Umar Farooq's announcement. The firing continued for 10 minutes until the coffin was buried. The crowd dispersed after the burial.

Some of Maulvi Farooq's aides blamed the assassination on right-wing Hindus, while government officials blamed it on Muslim militants who thought Maulvi Farooq was too moderate.

The militants denied they killed Maulvi Farooq. Known supporters or representatives of several groups, including the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front and the Hezbul Mujahadeen, took the microphone at Islamia College to tell mourners they were not responsible.

Maulvi Farooq had long advocated a political settlement for Kashmir, but in recent months called for independence.

Yesterday's shootings pushed the death toll in the Kashmir valley to about 460 since January 20 when the Government began a crackdown on an increasingly violent separatist campaign of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations.



A bomb-disposal expert tackling one of two bombs found 50 yards apart in the Makati financial area of Manila yesterday. Attackers in speeding cars had earlier buried fragmentation grenades at two banks

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Witchcraft and magic in Graham Greene country

MONROVIA NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

THE revival of a sensational case involving a ritual killing has given Liberians something else to gossip about besides the nasty little guerrilla war spreading through their country. The latest twist came from the release from jail of a man who had admitted cutting off the head of a policeman sacrificed in a ceremony said to have been part of a plot to topple President Samuel Doe.

Also set free was a self-styled "jujuman" who had performed the rites that involved tearing out the heart and draining the corpse of its blood. While both had loud praise for Liberian justice, the explanation for their release - which occurred without the knowledge, let alone approval, of the judge before whom they were due to appear - seems to have more to do with politics and power.

Still firmly behind bars are the former Liberian Defence Minister, Gray Allison, and his wife, Watta, both of whom have already been convicted of ordering the policeman's killing. Allison, a former major-general, had once been one of the most powerful men in Liberia, a trusted ally of President Doe since helping him take power in a bloody coup 10 years ago. At

their trial, Allison claimed that he had been framed by unnamed "enemies" jealous of his wealth and position. He was sentenced to death (his wife got life) but - somewhat surprisingly - given President Doe's lethal track record with opponents - he is believed still to be alive in jail in a remote corner of the countryside.

As the Allison case shows, there is a widespread belief among Liberians in the powers of witchcraft and magic to help them through everyday life. This goes far back beyond the arrival of the few thousand freed slaves from the United States who "founded" Liberia early in the 19th century, briskly incorporating the resident tribal population into their new country.

These days the local press devotes loving attention to any incident seemingly linked to ritual murder and the activities of the so-called "heart men". Just last week the headless corpse of a very young baby was discovered in the Du river that flows through the capital. A few days ago the front pages were devoted to the grisly discovery of the bodies of three men who had been beheaded and that of another

who had been sexually mutilated. But by no means all the witchcraft involves taking human life. The elderly "jujuman" involved in the Allison trial readily agreed that he performed sacrifices of animals in the course of business "but nothing bad". His most profitable line, it appears, is assisting clients to overcome problems of infertility; with three wives and 20 children himself, he hardly need to advertise.

There are harmless charms and potions for star-crossed lovers, students dreading exams, the managers of football teams and aspiring executives seeking an edge over rivals. In one celebrated instance, a police officer acquired a magic balm that would protect him from all harm on duty. Alas, he prevailed upon a colleague to fire a "test" shot at him and did not live to get his money back.

Recently there was a splendid send-off for the late lamented Rev Robert Lewis Knuckles, a much loved member of the Liberian United Methodist congregation. The singing was particularly fine, but then, it is wherever you go here and especially in church. On any Sunday,

when the usual bedlam of Monrovia street life is still, visitors need only follow their ears to track down some beautiful choral sounds. My knowledgeable taxi driver reckons that the very best choir is to be found at the Gate of Heaven Bethlehem Pentecostal Church, 10 years old this month and going strong.

On the other side of town, in every sense, there is some tremendous music most nights in the establishments clustered around the aptly named Gurley Street. The trios and quartets performing in agreeably seedy bars may occasionally lack talent, but they more than make up for that with sheer volume and boundless energy. As for the dancing, to use the word loosely, one can say with some assurance that the Rev Knuckles would not have approved.

There is not much to sing about now up at the Africa Hotel, built a decade or so ago to accommodate an annual gathering of the Organization of African Unity. Like similar monuments dotted around the Dark Continent, it was designed on palatial lines. Acres of marble, Doric columns, a casino of almost

heroically vulgar decor. The well-heeled businessman will find all the facilities he wants here, but that type of guest is rapidly becoming extinct in Liberia.

Every day the little colony of expatriates putting away local beer by the crate dwindles as one after another the mining and logging companies pull their men out until what everyone calls "the situation" is resolved one way or another. Intriguing snatches of conversation drift along the bar. One man had come here to start an internal airline with an Antonov troop carrier purchased from the Soviet Union; another calls himself a freelance gem consultant, which is apparently shorthand for diamond smuggler.

The self-styled Dutch mafia, big friendly fellows, worry whether urgently requested supplies coming in on KLM will arrive in time for their next evening of pea soup and herrings.

In the coffee shop, pale Lebanese whisper to each other about complicated currency deals before heading off to gamble madly at the tables. Outside, the Atlantic surf is roaring in, snatching away a bit more of the hotel beach. Graham Greene country, really.

Brain drain of the Australian boozier

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

WHEN an Australian draws "I wouldn't give a XXXX for any other beer" he could well mean he simply cannot think of the word he is searching for.

Australians last night were staring deep into their pots of amber nectar trying to contemplate why they are eight times more vulnerable to alcohol-related brain damage than drinkers in other Western countries.

Those who remembered to go home found themselves confronted by news programmes dominated by an assault on the nation's principal pastime.

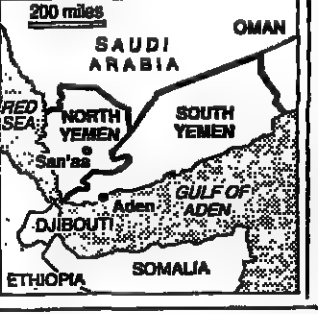
Highly disturbing health statistics, linked to diet and lifestyle, emerged yesterday in a government purge on a habit now said to be impairing the performance of the country as a whole. The problem lies not just with the macho Aussie male, who built a culture out of the capacity to get "faceless", or with the ubiquitous drunks seen making homes in Sydney bus shelters. Politicians and company executives are now deemed to be most at risk because of the large quantities and the way in

which they tend to drink. Yesterday's campaign launch, by Mr Peter Staples, Minister for the Aged, Family and Health Services, asked all Australians to face up to the "widespread and alarming" incidents of brain damage behind the drinking myth.

A comparative study with New York state has found areas of Australia showing levels of brain disease caused by alcohol eight times higher. Queensland is particularly badly affected, while post-mortems in Western Australia have recorded 2.8 per cent of all hospital patients affected.

The habit of continuous drinking without taking food causes the worst impairment through loss of vitamins, and in particular a thiamine shortage leading to chronic memory loss. A recent suggestion was to add essential vitamins to Australian brewed beers to stem the risk of brain damage.

The Federal Minister for Health, Mr Brian Howe, will consider banning alcohol advertisements on TV after receiving figures showing 30 per cent of Australian road deaths were caused by alcohol.



Into battle, cautiously

Martin Jacques

The poll tax debate has peaked; the Conservatives have passed the local election test without too much damage. Mrs Thatcher has, for the moment at least, survived the worst crisis of her third term. It is a reminder for Labour that, while governments may lose elections, oppositions should not rely on them to do so. Meanwhile, the focus has switched to Labour and its own offerings. Today its national executive committee will adopt the final version of the long-running policy review, from which it will draw its next election manifesto.

It is a dull document. True, it contains some good ideas, but there are no riveting themes. It is pervaded by an atmosphere of caution and timidity. The problem starts, not surprisingly, with economic policy. This is where Labour feels at its most insecure. It is haunted by memories of the past, by its failure in the 1960s and especially the 1970s. Economic policy has been the one area of political debate where Thatcherism has won the argument, hands down. Little remains of the old nostrums of Labour economic thinking.

Above all, the purpose of this document is to assure voters that Labour will behave itself. Taxes will be raised, but only on the wealthy; public spending will be kept in check; inflation will be a key priority; and to underline the promised virtuosity, the discipline of the EMS exchange rate mechanism will be embraced and respected.

Of course, all this is easier said than done. Labour will come under pressure from its own supporters to deliver some of the goods which are displayed, though for the most part deliberately not promised, in this document. It is pressure that, by and large, I think it is likely to resist. The conversion, in other words, is complete.

And for two reasons. First, it has indeed lost the economic argument, as the left has lost it virtually everywhere. And secondly, and more important, the internationalization of the economy has undermined the idea of national economic policy as previously espoused by the social-democratic model. Trade controls are no longer feasible; nor is expansion in one country. The ERM will mark the end of interest rates and the exchange rate as an instrument of policy. Credit controls are much less potent than they used to be. What is left is simply taxation and public spending. An era is at an end. Once the cause of the left was intimately tied to its economic beliefs; now it is shorn of them.

Labour's claim to a distinct identity must therefore be sought outside the economic arena. But where? The text, as I said, is peppered with good ideas. It feels

confident and thoroughly modern on consumer rights, training and the environment, for example. But as a whole, it lacks a cutting-edge. It plays for safety. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the review is clearly economics-driven, thereby lending a cautious and conservative feel to the whole document. This is not a party which wants to take any risks or set any agendas. It does not want to step an inch out of line from where it thinks public opinion is. After all these years in the wilderness, Labour craves respectability.

The problem with this approach is that it may not provide people with enough reason to vote Labour. Even on its natural territory, social justice and the welfare state, one gets a feeling of caution, or at least an unwillingness to experiment and think big. It remains a vote-winner for Labour, but there is little to excite.

Yet lurking in this document, one senses, there is the beginning of a new agenda which is different and does have the capacity to enthuse. Take Europe. The events in Central and Eastern Europe, together with the Kohl-Mitterrand proposals, open the prospect of a very different continent. Is Britain going to be a full-hearted participant in the debate or not? Labour could present itself as the European party, a party with a sense of history and vision, one that can rise above party point-scoring. On the evidence of this document, it will not. There is no sense of the wider arguments, of the decline of the nation-state and the necessity of an integrated European future. It remains the cautious European, edging pragmatically forward, still driven too much by the thought of upsetting Mrs Thatcher.

Then there is the question of constitutional reform. If you add together the various proposals — an elected second chamber, assemblies for Scotland and Wales, English regional assemblies, a Freedom of Information Act — the package is pretty formidable. It marks the beginnings of a decisive break with the antiquated, centralized state that Britain has historically been party. But is it presented like this? Yet again the details of policy swamp the broader themes. The Alliance parties made a rather better fist of it in the mid-1980s.

Labour has fully embraced the current economic orthodoxy. It remains strong on social compassion, if lacking in novelty. And it certainly has some feel for the new world of the 1990s. But on this evidence, it does not have a new agenda. Or rather, there is the embryo of a new agenda, but Labour does not as yet have the confidence really to go for it. It will have to hope that Thatcherism's crisis is as deep as it appeared to be two months ago.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

Before going into a boardroom lunch with several major figures from the world of new technology, I found myself having a glass of wine and a sandwich while standing next to the very man who had organized the computerization of directory inquiries. He seemed a little stiff, so I thought I would relax him by asking him how many sandwiches he usually managed to eat at this type of reception.

"The answer you require," he said — a shade formally, I thought — "is 0-7-1-0-1-8-9-3-40."

"Pardon me," I said, "I didn't quite catch that."

"I repeat," he continued, "the answer you require is: oh, s/heaven! one's a hero! one ate nine free for test!"

"Pretty good going!" I said, helping myself to another.

"I repeat," he continued, "the answer you require is..."

Luckily, just as he was about to go on and on about it, the alarm system sounded for lunch, and we all trudged in.

We gathered around the table, ready to sit at our allotted places. The chairman of the new technology luncheon, who is also a leading figure in the world of the fax machine, eased into his chair at one end, only to emerge at the other end, seconds later, with his left arm slightly askew.

It is always difficult in these situations to know whom to talk to first. As we got started on the smoked salmon, I turned to a man on my right, who, I learnt from his handy label badge, is one of the country's prime movers in the multi-million-pound answerphone business. How, I asked him, is the answerphone business doing these days?

"I'm sorry," he replied, very chirpily, "there's no one in at the moment. Please leave your name and your number after the beep and I will get back to you on my return."

I was a little taken aback. "I was wondering..." I said.

"Beep!" he interrupted me, and a silence followed.

"It's Craig Brown here," I said, somewhat embarrassed. "I'm talking to you at lunchtime. Could you get back to me as soon as possible?"

Having left my message, I

thought that I might be better off talking to the person on my right. Over the other side of the table, I could hear the man from Telecom still saying, "The answer you require is..." and I felt glad not to be sitting next to someone with such stilted small talk. Glancing at the label of the man on my left, I saw that he was the managing director of a major distributor of word processors. I have been toying with buying one, so I asked him which he would recommend.

"How much of spending thinking were you?" he asked.

"I'm sorry — I didn't quite catch that," I said.

"An an buy can excellent for pounds product thousands you," he replied.

I was frankly at a loss to know what he was saying.

Luckily, the person on his other side explained all.

"All his words regulate themselves automatically into alphabetical order," he said, "I think what he last said was that, 'For a thousand pounds you can buy an excellent product.'"

"Thanks very much," I said, smiling appreciatively at this helpful young man. "And what line of new technology exactly are you in?"

"Videos," he replied.

"Thank goodness for that," I exclaimed, for I felt that I knew where I am with videos these days.

"All his words regulate themselves automatically into alphabetical order," he added. I realized with a start that the helpful young man was on automatic rewind.

"Yes, that's right," he said, though I couldn't remember asking a question. "I have indeed switched to fast-forward."

"Have you switched to fast-forward?" I then asked.

By this time, I was hopelessly muddled, so I was grateful when the chairman — the kingpin in the fax world — slid out of his chair to re-emerge at the other end of the table with a foot missing, announcing the end of lunch.

Over coffee, the man from Telecom sidled up to me and said: "The answer you require is..." At this point, I made my excuses, got into my laptop PC, and pressed the Exit button, and disappeared.

John Maddox calls for restrictions on greenhouse gases but warns against oversimplification

Let reason rule on global warming

Brooding on the prospect of global calamity seems to have become a passion. Now that the risk of nuclear warfare has receded, the threat of a general increase in the temperature of the surface of the earth looks likely to take its place. Yesterday *The Guardian* published a leaked report by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which will further accentuate alarm about the greenhouse effect.

After 40 years of speculation and calculation, there is now general understanding of what that means. The Earth's atmosphere is crucial for making the surface habitable. Much of the sunlight reaching the surface is converted into infra-red radiation which cannot directly escape into planetary space because of the water vapour and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

That is the natural greenhouse effect. Were the atmosphere otherwise, the climate would literally be like that during the last Ice Age — far too cold for human habitation except in the tropics. But the

atmosphere is now loaded with gases that either did not exist before the Industrial Revolution or which are now more plentiful.

The most significant is carbon dioxide, produced by the burning of all fossil fuels — coal, oil and even wood. On present trends, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will have doubled by 2035. But the greenhouse effect is also likely to be enhanced by the chemicals called CFCs, widely used as refrigerants, and by methane, which is increasing rapidly for reasons not properly understood.

There is no controversy about these developments, but their consequences are much debated, as will be the IPCC report when it is published in full. While there is no dispute that extra amounts of the greenhouse gases will raise the temperature at the surface of the earth, there is great uncertainty as to the extent and the timing.

That is not surprising. Only computer simulations can tell how the climate will change. The best models predict an increase of average temperature of 4°C by 2035, but that may be substantially abated when better models

can take account of real clouds (which should be more plentiful if the temperature increases and which would reflect more sunlight back into space).

As for the timing, present models do not adequately cater for the interaction between the atmosphere and the oceans, which can absorb large amounts of heat and may thus delay any predicted degree of global warming. Plainly it is of great practical importance whether there is less than half a century to cope with a 4°C increase or perhaps twice as long.

Predicting the effects of climate change is more difficult still. *The Guardian's* leaked report takes the computer predictions as given, estimating the consequences for weather patterns and agriculture. If the leaks are accurate, the report seems incautiously oversimplistic.

On one crucial point, for example, it is said that American influence in the world will be undermined by the collapse of US agriculture caused by global warming. Yet the most elaborate study of that issue, by a group of US agronomists which appears in this week's *Nature*, concludes that

crop production and grain exports could be maintained but at considerable cost — chiefly that of increased irrigation. That conclusion depends on the increased efficiency of photosynthesis, as does carbon dioxide concentration increases. No allowance is made for crop improvements likely to be engineered by biotechnologists.

The leaked report also predicts the reappearance of malaria in Europe, as if average temperature is the only determinant of this and other tropical diseases. But it could well be to the advantage of developing countries that rich Europe had a self-interest in eradicating them. Rich countries would also benefit if a proper regard for global warming forced a reappraisal of some of the costly environmental restrictions now widely accepted.

Why in the meantime do even UN committees put out over-stark warnings of what climate change would mean? Among greenhouse-mongers there is a general opinion that governments will listen only to horror stories. What if governments are now smarter than they

are supposed to be? But there is one sense in which the alarmists are correct. The natural greenhouse effect is real — it keeps us warm — and the continued accumulation of carbon dioxide must at some point change the climate. The dispute is simply about how much and by when. So something must be done. What?

The most urgent need is for an international convention to regulate the production of greenhouse gases (luckily the CFCs are already regulated by the 1987 Montreal Convention, intended originally to safeguard the ozone layer). The difficulties in reaching such an agreement will be huge. How will quotas for greenhouse gases be distributed between rich and poor countries? Will they be tradeable? What is the best balance between avoiding change and adapting to it — and how will that be decided? Given the slow pace of diplomacy — it will have taken almost 20 years to negotiate this year's superpower agreement on strategic arms — the sooner a start is made, the better. Luckily, a start is to be made in November.

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Andrew McEwen reports on attempts by the new prime minister to come to grips with the worst corruption and overmanning in Western Europe

The strike which paralyzed much of Greece yesterday was not a good omen for Constantine Mitsotakis after only six weeks as prime minister, or for the long overdue austerity measures he has promised. While it may yet prove to be no more than a token challenge by the unions, the shuttered shops and deserted airports hardly suggested a nation ready to purge itself after eight years of financial recklessness.

Much was heard of the need for catharsis during the three elections campaigns Greece has endured in the last 11 months. Mr Mitsotakis used the word in its better-known sense to call for a cleansing of public life, reeling from the Bank of Crete scandal and a lack of moral leadership. As used by Aristotle, however, the word has a more apt meaning: an outlet for emotions afforded by drama. It is not too cynical to ask how much of the present situation is substance, and how much theatre.

Greece faced the most serious economic problems of any EC member, and has acquired some of the worst habits of corruption. Mr Mitsotakis is a man of quiet dignity far removed from the hustling populism of Andreas Papandreu, his socialist predecessor. Few doubt his sincerity in wishing to tackle both problems, even if he has started more cautiously than some would have liked.

What is in question is the willingness of the Greek people to take seriously anyone who preaches austerity and rectitude. In a country where 40 per cent of gross domestic product comes from the black economy, the people have a measure of security that official figures fail to reflect. The years of socialist rule (1981-89) saw mismanagement and corruption grow very much worse, but they were not the socialist's creation.

"It is the government that is poor, not the people" is a familiar refrain based on the evidence of

busting shops and restaurants, but this prosperity is partly illusory, based on Papandreu's spendthrift policies, which left Greece with debts equivalent to a year's gross domestic product.

Two familiar sets of players have re-entered the stage since last week, when the first phase of economic measures was announced. This included raising the government-fixed prices for basic foodstuffs, bus fares and other essentials, including fuel. It was followed on Friday by plans to privatize 21 heavily indebted state-owned industrial companies and close seven "ailing industries". Many more state companies will face a similar fate later, but some protection for the unemployed has been announced. The 20,000 employees of the "ailing industries" who will lose their jobs will receive full salaries for a year, and the government will provide retraining.

There is much more to come. In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Mitsotakis promised a tough budget by the end of the month to reduce the huge deficit, but said it would take about three years "to get it down to an acceptable level". He did not define "acceptable", but as the 1989 public sector borrowing requirement was equivalent to 22 per cent of GDP, there is a long way to go.

The players have been deployed as follows: entering from the right are the Greek middle classes, represented by Mr Mitsotakis's New Democracy party, with scripts annotated by the European Community, the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. These were the unheeded Cassandra of the 1980s, who now feel their prophecies of economic chaos have been proved right. Witness the fact that under Papandreu, state ownership of industry increased to 70 per cent. "We share the same problems as Eastern Europe," Mitsotakis says.

Entering from the left is a cast



led by the future jobless. (Many of these, however, have something to fall back on which is hidden from the notoriously inefficient Greek taxman.) Union leaders supporting their cause object to the government's intention to end the effective index-linking of pay.

Mr Mitsotakis, who is a robust 71, correctly calculates that, even with only 150 New Democracy MPs and one supporter from another party in a parliament of 300, he will have little difficulty in forcing through the factory closures. The vast majority of the

public long ago accepted the folly of pouring drachmas into dead industries. The abuse of patronage reached extraordinary proportions: Mr Mitsotakis says it continued until very recently, with the government payroll being swollen by 100,000 employees, most of whom were "completely useless". Indeed, the government does not know how many civil servants there are, and is only now conducting a count.

Some state industries, the prime minister said, were over-staffed four or fivefold, or even

more. For example, Olympic Catering, which provides food for the state airline, achieves only one eighth of the productivity per head of a similar French company.

As for the tax system, it is in such chaos that Mr Mitsotakis said he will seek advisers from Britain. The system is distorted not only because there is large-scale tax evasion, but because 900,000 farmers pay only indirect taxes. This anomaly may have been justified 10 years ago, when there was still much agricultural poverty, but by the late 1980s it had become a scandal. Mr Mitsotakis intends to implement an existing law which will enable him to tax the farmers, though he concedes that they will still pay less than other groups.

Although the source of frequent complaint, the higher prices, particularly bus fares, and an increase in income tax will not bring down the government. It is in no one's interest for Mr Mitsotakis to fall, but some are keen to ensure that his broom does not sweep too clean. The socialist party, Pasok, is unlikely to block the economic reforms.

Mr Papandreu must be hoping that charges against him will be dropped, especially as his electoral support held up well in the June, November and April elections; but Mr Mitsotakis strongly denies that he has reached any deal with his left-wing opponent. "All these stories... are baseless. Nothing can stop the judicial process. It is possible that Mr Papandreu will be acquitted, but one cannot stop the charges." However, Mr Mitsotakis is not a vindictive man, and he managed to work with Mr Papandreu in an interim government earlier this year. No one will be surprised if other scapegoats are found for the Bank of Crete scandal.

Nor will there be much surprise if it turns out that Mr Mitsotakis's real priority is not economic but electoral reform. Until Greece's proportional representation system is modified in a way which allows governments to govern with a reasonable majority, their scope for real change will remain limited. Many think this explains why his proposed measures do not go even further. Greece may have to face yet another election before long.

many institutions — they think they must be different from everything that has gone before. Glyndebourne is there to produce the best Mozart in the world. Unless it does so, it ceases to have significance as an operatic institution." Heath met the cast afterwards, but was diplomatic to the end. "The orchestra played well and the chorus singing was good. Some of the leading parts were well sung," he told them.

Home to roost
Nicholas Ridley, under attack from all quarters over his scheme to split the Nature Conservancy Council into separate English, Scottish and Welsh sections, has found an enthusiastic champion in the House of Lords. His older brother, Viscount Ridley, has been quick to point out to their lordships the sharp differences in the field of conservation north and south of the border. Take, for example, the story of the goosander bird, a member of the duck family, which was once "rightly" persecuted in Scotland as a voracious devourer of young salmon and trout. A bounty of half-a-crown was placed on its head. Yet at the same time, south of the border the goosander was protected as a rare breeding species. This resulted, says Viscount Ridley, in landowners on the south side of the Tweed waving flags to drive the bird over to the Scottish side. "The Scottish riparian owners would shoot it, and claim the half-a-crown, giving back one shilling and threepence to the English." Such enterprise ought to commend itself to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The man who took the bait

It has always seemed strange that the longest-running play in West End history has never been made into a film. The cover of the film rights to Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, which has all the potential for a cinematic blockbuster, is clearly sitting on a goldmine. Well, up to a point.

When Richard Attenborough left the play after a two-year stint in 1954 there was, as Sir Peter Saunders, the producer, admits, "a temporary dip in business". Immediately the film moguls moved in; Sir John Woolf, then of Romulus Films and now chairman of British and American Film Holdings, snapped up the film rights. He says: "Having seen a poorly-attended matinee, I thought it could not last very much longer and so happily signed a contract which said no film could be made until six months after the West End run had finished." The rest, of course, is theatrical history, with the play rolling inexorably towards its 16,000th performance.

Solicitors have been consulted and letters exchanged, but both men — and their legal advisers — agree that the contract is watertight. "I remain good friends with Sir Peter Saunders," says Sir John. "We lunch regularly and I try to persuade him to let me make the film, but he won't budge. He says it is going to run for 50 years." Sir Peter, in turn, has offered to buy back the rights at their original 1954 price. The offer is not quite as generous as it might appear: Sir John paid £10,000, and the last

offer he received, from an Italian film company, was for £750,000. Unsurprisingly, if optimistically, he has decided to hold on to his unrealizable asset.

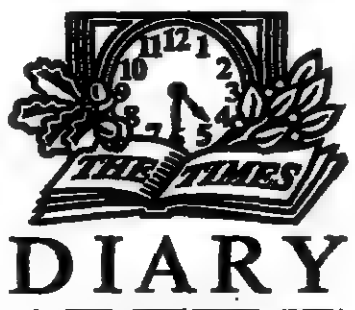
Sir Peter is confident that the production, which has remained unaltered since the early Fifties apart from the removal of references to food rationing, has many years of stage life left. "There is a



whole new audience," he says. "Children who were taken to see it 30 years ago are now coming back with their children." Sir John seems to share the prediction. "I have passed the film rights on to my sons," he says. "With a bit of luck, my grandchildren might live to see the film made."

Thorny ground

Ms Thatcher's insistence at the Chelsea Flower Show that red roses could not be "hijacked by one political party" does not extend, it seems, to roses of a delicate pink. She was not heard to protest when such a



bloom was grown in her honour and named after her. The Margaret Thatcher remains a favourite among rose growers, although some have dared to voice the belief that its popularity is starting to fade. The Tories, meanwhile, have just launched a summer offensive against the "wilted" red rose of Walsworth Road.

Labour is far from the first to seek to exploit the enduring attraction of England's quintessential flower. Since the Wars of the Roses, the red rose has been ruthlessly exploited in both commercial and political life. Mills & Boon has long used it to attract the lovers. The red and white Tudor rose, representing the union of York and Lancaster, is popularly used in heraldry and is the symbol of that bastion of male supremacy, the All England Rugby Club. Countless personalities, among them Tony Jacklin, Geoff Boycott, Felicity Kendal, Cleo Laine, Angela Rippon and Susan Hampshire have had roses in various shades of red named after them. They have been used to advertise nappies to bath salts, cigarettes and newspapers. *The Times* has its own rose, a tall,

proed stem bearing a bright red bloom which won a prize from the Royal National Rose Society in the mid-1980s. "The rose has been hijacked for centuries because it is the most English of all English flowers," says Jill Bennell of the Royal National Rose Society. "Labour's red rose is a symbol of love. What woman can resist a bunch?" Mrs Thatcher, for one.

What were Tory MPs Tony Favell and Gary Waller doing outside Central Office in Smith Square yesterday morning, stripped virtually to their underwear? They had been playing squash in a nearby club when the fire alarm went off. "Thank heavens we were not in the shower," says Favell.

Less than magical

As predicted in this column, the first night of Peter Sellars's production of *Die Zauberflöte* at Glyndebourne on Monday was beset by controversy. For the first time, Glyndebourne experienced the booing and hissing which now automatically greet the more adventurous productions at London's opera houses. But even those who refrained from booing were far from happy with the production. Edward Heath, a Glyndebourne regular, did not jeer — "I am too polite" — but says he can well understand those who did. The Glyndebourne management, he says, made "complete fools" of themselves by sanctioning so unconventional a production, which presents Mozart's characters as a bunch of "Sixties" Californian beach bums. "All the magic went out of the flute. This disease has seized so

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MEDIA

Politicking and the pollsters

The wrangle between the BBC and Harris over the suppressed *On the Record* poll seems set to rumble on. There are at least three points to pick at. Did the pollsters somehow fall down on the job? Did Jonathan Dimbleby's programme side-step the poll findings because they sat at variance with a predetermined thesis? How far was there plain old-fashioned muddle, as pollsters and programme tried to separate fact from fancy in post-local election politicking?

Whatever the niceties of the incident itself, the BBC's omission of data favourable to a continuing Thatcher leadership has given Central Office a hefty stick with which to keep on beating. And so a broader point is being heard. Should not the BBC eschew all use of polls, leaving this unenviable activity to a more market-sensitive commercial sector?

Not for the first time, there will be an eagerness to offer broadcast journalists ground rules different from those that operate in print; and then, within the broadcasting sector, impose a more stringent regime on the BBC than on its rivals. But where is the logic in arbitrarily depriving one set of workmen of a set of professional tools? Blanket condemnation, in any case, misses the point. Why do broadcasters rely so heavily on polls, given that this reliance often proves debilitating?

Television's intoxication with polling is at its giddiest in Results Specials, those long trunks into the early hours where anticipatory polls serve as iron railings for the journey. It was a special skill of Professor Bob McKenzie to contrive to convey a sense that such polls were decently arrived at, but should be taken with a pinch of salt. Somehow the Swingometer held the act together. The intrusion of three-party volatility in the Seventies did damage, initially to the regularity of the Swingometer; then McKenzie's successors over-compensated by going into overdrive. The end result nowadays betrays a schizophrenic scintillation, as significance is extrapolated from findings that fall to earth with a bump as soon as the actual result turns up.

Such parlour-game antics will remain a late-night feature, unless and until returning officers are allowed to computerize and speed up the count. Here polls provide an essential programming crutch. But, elsewhere, editorial need for poll support is less pressing. Why, then, do broadcasters still seek it?

The need is most keenly felt at home. Broadcasters reporting from abroad are normally accorded cautious respect. So, the reputation of the World Service stands high; the frontline work of a Kate Adie or a Paul Davies will be seen and believed for what it is; day in day out, reporters candidly file and reflect from Beirut to Bangkok, from Prague to Pretoria. If the work is good, then authority follows, careers of substance are fashioned. No extra underpinning is thought necessary.

The situation is not the same on the United Kingdom beat, nor has it ever been. The restriction on broadcasting that says reporters should not editorialize is narrowly interpreted by British politicians to mean that reporters should offer conclusions only where such conclusions are demonstrably neutral. Hence a fondness for polls, to help "stand up" propositions that might otherwise seem plucked from the air, setting the agenda. Unfortunately, the strategem is doubly flawed. It places upon opinion polls a greater editorial burden than they should properly bear. And, it is of little help in damping down any subsequent political row: indeed the broadcast may be held to be all the more pernicious for having gone to such lengths to embarrass.

John Birt's way through this difficulty has been to seek to infuse BBC journalism with "experts". They would hail mostly from print, and arrive with credentials established, authority intact and transferable, needing no further crutch. Polly Toynbee, Peter Jay and — to a degree — Jonathan Dimbleby joined on this ticket. But as yet they have been given no special room to manoeuvre. In consequence, Toynbee, Jay and the others seem to be cut down to television size, smaller than they had once been in print.

Broadcast journalists should stake a simple claim. Their only value as reporters lies in the insights they bring to what is otherwise raw data: well-judged assessment, even if forthright, does not automatically entail bias; a developed profession — and remember broadcasting is now well into its second half-century — requires such assessments to be formulated and proclaimed. Rows there will still be, but broad-shouldered editors can live with that, provided reputations rise and fall in accordance with the consistency, clarity and wisdom displayed. This is how it is in print, and print seems none the worse for it.

BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

How do you handle a public relations account when the MD is God's vicar on Earth? Libby Purves investigates

The pulpit, the soap-box and the pious voice candle lit before a plaster statue to speed the conversion of infidels are beginning to look a little *vieux jeu* in modern religion. For years the American evangelists have been harnessing modern advertising techniques, with varying degrees of taste, to the imperishable word of God; and the same process advanced in Britain this week with the news that Richard Pollen has been appointed to handle PR for the Vatican-backed "Evangelization 2000" drive. This campaign aims to convert as many people as possible to the Catholic faith by December 25, 2000 AD, "because that is, of course," says Pollen with slightly disturbing literalism, "our Lord's two thousandth birthday."

He should not be taken for a naïve man: he is both practising Catholic and very practised PR man. Pollen was co-founder and chief executive of the advertising and PR agency Valin Pollen in 1979, but had become a non-executive director before the debacle in which VPI took over the American Carter Organization in 1987, and "everything went sour" when Don Carter himself was found guilty of tax evasion and overcharging. He lost out financially from his Valin Pollen holdings, but was already well established in a small hi-tech office near his home in Surrey, working as an independent consultant. As a devout Catholic, he treats his latest client as something of a favourite. "E2000", as he calls it, was the initiative of two Catholic priests: American Father Tom Forrest, and Father Jim Birmingham, from Ireland. They head a small core group in Rome which plans to launch the conversion decade at Christmas this year, and their enterprise has been blessed by the Pope and funded, Mr Pollen reveals cautiously, "by a number of foundations dedicated to spreading the word of God. The main foundation is Dutch-based, highly complicated and very, er, discreet. I couldn't sit down and make a forecast of spending on this account: it might be nothing one month, then the next there could be a two-thirds of a page ad in every top quality national paper of every continent in the world."

The awkward term "Evangelization" has been chosen in preference to "Evangelism" because of the connotations of American hard-sell fundraising which have attached to the shorter word. This has not bothered the Anglican churches, which are coincidentally also running a "Decade of Evangelism", but the Catholic party prefers it. "What it is about," Mr Pollen says, "is the conversion of non-Christians into Christianity and ultimately Catholics; and also the conversion of existing Christians and Catholics into better ones. Lapsed Catholics are a very important sector, because they are, as it were, setting an example. But none of it has anything to do with fund-raising."



The Pope's persuader: Richard Pollen... "I think that this account will really take off. The moment is right"

At some stages, weekly to Rome: "I think this account will really take off. The moment is right. Perhaps because of Eastern Europe, there is a great world feeling that we need something other than material things. Something to turn to. In doing this, I think that the role of publicity and promotion is more important than all the time." Advertising will, he insists, be "tasteful and controlled. I intend a sensitive mix of ingredients, between Catholic broad-mindedness and futuristic creativity. I'm deliberately using people creatively who aren't Catholics or even Christians, because you must become your target." This he sees as a shortcoming of most religious advertising: it is all written by existing believers.

"Yes," Mr Pollen agrees. "It does. But so many other private and personal things get publicized and aired now, I think the time has come. I mean, as soon as you get Terry Wogan interviewing Mother Teresa, it gets talked about and huge support comes in. Or take shrines, like Medjugorje, where the Virgin Mary has been appearing — it's quite tremendous, the biggest tourist spot in Yugoslavia now, and constantly talked about. I've been three times, and it is wonderful. Communications do count. But I hear what you are saying. I can't treat this whole issue as aggressively as I would an ordinary corporate communications job. It has to be, er, product-led."

A number of events are planned, beginning with a massive four-day conference-retreat by 7,000 priests in Rome this September. "It will hit the headlines, with speakers such as Mother Teresa — health permitting — and the Pope, time permitting." That is his first publicity target.

However, promoting specific events and facilities — the huge retreat, a central enquiry telephone line, a whistle-stop world tour of committed youth in aeroplanes — is at least a comprehensible and predictable function for a PR firm. When it comes to a more generic approach to advertising Catholicism, the mind begins to boggle. PR is a craft which guides fashion, promotes fun and status, teases money out of consumer pockets. Spirituality is another area, lying deeper and less accessible in the human soul: real conversion is a matter more private than sexuality, more elusive than reason. It has little to do with trend or peer-pressure or celebrity endorsement or any of the other measures of successful PR: it is a Graham Greene business of slipping into a shabby confessional out of the rain, or kneeling alone in a bedroom. The gap yawns ludicrously.

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And what about the chief client, Pope John Paul II himself? Some might see him as a PR liability, rather too prone to speak unfashionably *ex cathedra* about sexuality and women's roles, or about liberation theology and the various rebellions always brewing in the corners of the Catholic empire (record numbers of celibate priests are leaving in order to marry). Mr Pollen is loyal. "Oh no, the Pope's the most brilliant PR man in the world. Look at him... he's magnificent."

Nevertheless, there are surely moments when a PR man would like to advise the MD, bluntly, against a particular speech or emphasis? "Oh indeed. There are some areas where Pollen's just got to keep his mouth shut."

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MEDIA

A torch to the bonfire

As New York lurches deeper into racial confrontation, the television and news media are under attack, James Bone reports

To hear Mayor David Dinkins tell it, the "crisis" in race relations in New York is largely a creation of the media. During the past 10 days, he has repeatedly criticized local newspapers and television stations for fanning the flames of racial unrest, by quoting extremists. An assortment of professors of journalism and sanctimonious newspaper columnists have echoed his lament.

Where do these people live? None of them can have been in my local Chinese take-away when a young black man was accidentally short-changed \$10 (£6.25) out of a \$20 bill. The Chinese cashier accused him, I think wrongly, of pocketing the banknote and the infuriated customer emptied his pockets on to the counter. No \$10 bill. "Not all black people steal," he yelled.

Inevitably, the police were called, and the situation was resolved by money from his own pocket to avoid trouble. The police were probably right when they accused the black man of having an "attitude problem" — but I doubt he got it from the media. When he left the take-away, he crossed the street and went back to sleep in the park. I imagine the only newspapers he read were those he slept on.

Mr Dinkins seems to have decided that a round of media-bashing may be the best way to heal New York's racial divisions, on the theory that if events like this go unrecorded, they do not exist. He might be right.

By last weekend, the main targets of animosity in this tense city were the news media. Television crews venture into some areas only when accompanied by private security guards, and news photographers wear bullet-proof vests. As Gail Collins, a *Daily News* columnist, put it: "Black and white, Christian and Jew, united in their hatred of anybody with a pencil."

Mr Dinkins was elected as New York's first black mayor in the aftermath of the racial killing of a black youth by a white mob in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. Voters hoped he would be able to heal the wounds, and he immediately adopted a softly-softly approach. For months, he ignored a black

boy, of two Korean-owned groceries in Brooklyn, which began when immigrant workers at the shop stuffed with a black woman accused of shoplifting. The Press followed suit. Then, earlier this month, a New York judge criticized the mayor's inaction — and the media jumped on the bandwagon. It was particularly timely because two murder cases stemming from the Bensonhurst killing were reaching their conclusion.

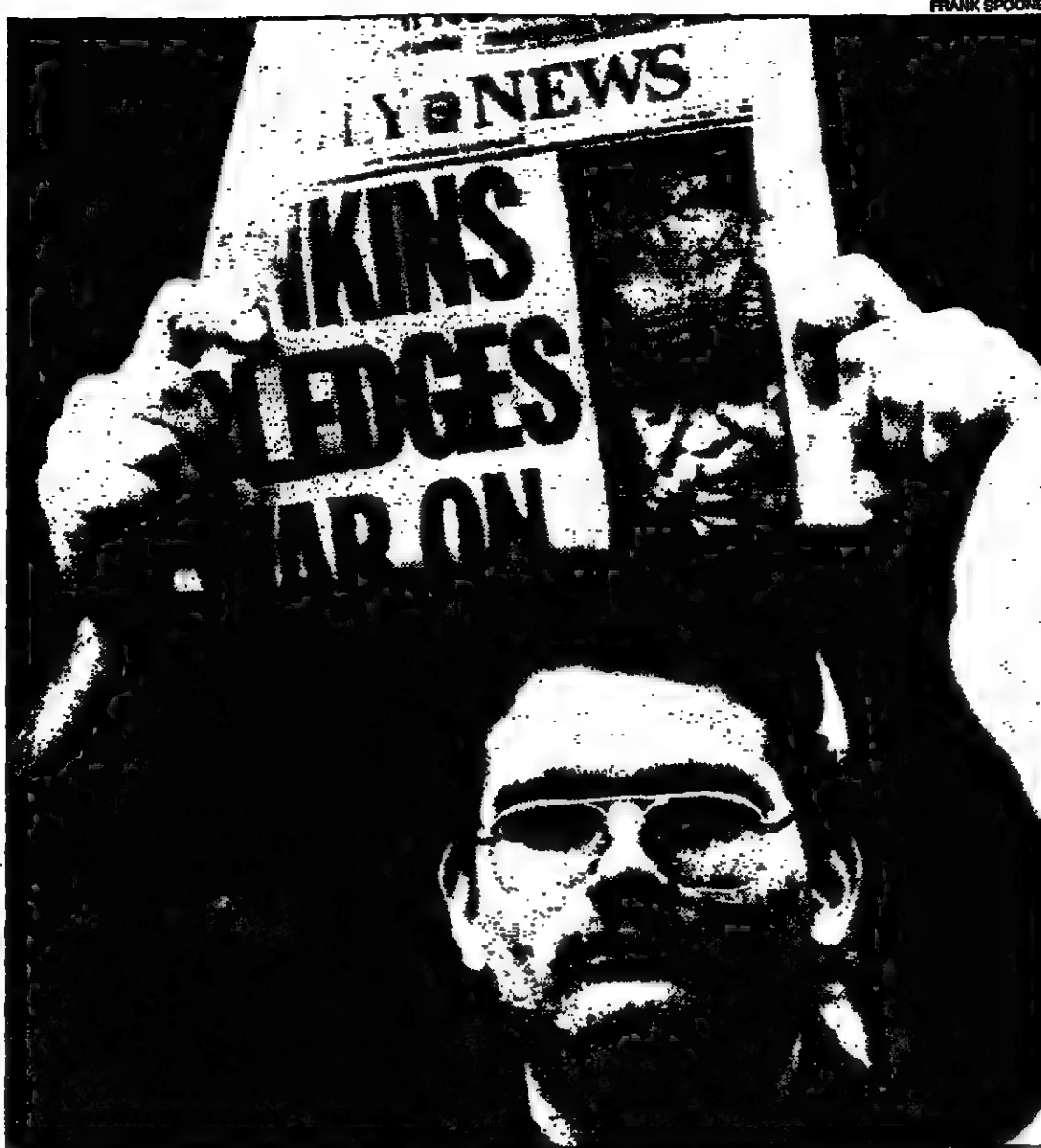
Ironically, Mr Dinkins's response to press criticism was to turn to the media himself. He delivered what he called a "major, major speech" on race relations, during which he apparently discovered the expediency of criticizing the media. Aides say the mayor was taken aback when his closing remarks — asking the media to play its part in easing tension — received rapturous applause from the assembled dignitaries. He has scolded the Press several times since, and others have begun to follow his example.

"The dialogue is dominated by those who can shout the loudest and spew the most venom," Mr Dinkins said. "It is incumbent upon those in the media to seek out and cover those whose views may be less confrontational."

The headline that particularly offended him was run by the tabloid *New York Post*. "Guilty — or Else", the newspaper squawked before the Bensonhurst verdict. In an exclusive report, the *Post* quoted the Rev Al Sharpton, a controversial black leader, as saying: "If they the jurors come back with less than murder, you are lighting a match to the end of a powder keg and telling us to burn the town down."

Most New Yorkers continue to be fascinated, and appalled, by Mr Sharpton. He is so much a New York phenomenon that if God had not made one, New Yorkers would have had to invent one. In fact Tom Wolfe did, the Rev Bacon, a demagogic preacher-politico in his novel *Bonfire of the Vanities*.

By rights, Mr Sharpton should have been discredited a long time ago. A former FBI informant, he is now on trial for setting up a fake charity to fund his career as a concert promoter. Yet he managed to turn false allegations by a black teenage girl called Miss Tawana



Pressing for action: New York's mayor has blamed the media for fanning the racial flames

Brawley of gang rape into a cause célèbre, and has become a central figure in the Bensonhurst case. As Mr Dinkins said, the bouffant-haired Mr Sharpton "could have announced the appointment schedule for his hairdresser and several cameras would have shown up".

Mr Dinkins has good reason to dislike Mr Sharpton. The radical preacher and his supporters have fired off some robust insults against the mayor in recent days. After Mr Dinkins's address to the city on racism, for example, Mr Vernon Mason, an anti-semitic lawyer who is an ally of Mr Sharpton, complained: "He ain't got no African left in him. He's got too many yarmulkes (skullcaps) on his head."

The sad fact is that Mr Sharpton has somehow won a following — even if it is, as one witness told his trial last month, by paying protesters a \$5 attendance fee. He has been appointed official spokesman for the family of Yusuf Hawkins, the 16-year-old shot in Benson-

hurst, and last week was insisting on ground rules for any television stations that wanted to interview the boy's father.

All that means that Jerry Nachman, editor of the *New York Post*, is probably right when he defends his newspaper's decision to run its "Guilty — or Else" story by arguing that it is news if the spokesman for the Bensonhurst victim threatens to torch the city.

Nevertheless, a parade of talking heads has been eager to condemn the media's sensationalism. They point to the intense competition between the city's three tabloids and the fact that this is the month when local television stations have their audience share determined. The *New York Times* ventured the typically worthy conclusion: "A review of users coverage of the Bensonhurst murder trials and the boycott of Korean grocery stores in Brooklyn over the past two weeks suggests that the critics were justified in labelling some print cover-

age superficial and sensational and in denouncing much local television coverage as distortingly inflammatory."

But reporters are feeling the brunt of this criticism out on the streets. Photographers have been attacked by both blacks and whites, and three TV vans were set upon and four reporters hurt after the Bensonhurst verdict.

Perhaps the best gauge of the prevailing anti-media sentiment came outside the Brooklyn courthouse while protesters awaited verdict in the Bensonhurst trial. One man, identifying himself only as the "Reparation and Compensation for Slavery Man", kept photographers amused by burning an American flag. When he was finished, a TV crew tried to light up a barbecue. The police and fire brigade arrived and told the journalists to put it out. "Are you telling me you can burn the flag here, but I can't burn a hamburger?" a television engineer. This time, he won the day.

But where were the Americans?

Luxembourg's big TV conference was marred by cancellations

Luxembourg, which is making strenuous efforts to be regarded as the media capital of Europe, always was a strange destination for a transatlantic showdown. And so it proved yesterday.

The original script for the grand-sounding Luxembourg Media Summit was certainly mouthwatering. In one corner there would be the dollar-rich US media moguls and high-powered Bush Administration officials, who are plotting reprisals against the European Community for threatening to restrict the amount of prestige American programming, such as *Dallas*, shown on our screens.

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With America having lodged a formal objection to the imposition of programme quotas in the EC directive on transfrontier broadcasting, there was even talk of the summit being needed to avoid a highly damaging trade war.

The directive originally proposed that 60 per cent of programming screened by European broadcasters should be made in the EC, thereby restricting non-EC (mainly American) material to 40 per cent. That was subsequently watered down to "a reasonable proportion".

But America, the world's largest exporter of television programmes, remained furious.

Unfortunately — particularly for the European delegates, who each paid £800 (excluding air fares and accommodation) for the two-day event — the all-action script had to be abandoned when the American participants did not turn up. As the Duchy of Luxembourg could fit snugly into Texas about 50

times over, perhaps the Americans could not take the event seriously. Perhaps they could not find it.

Whatever the reason, Robert Mosbacher, the US Secretary of Commerce and the main attraction for the likes of Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, excused himself. So did his intended replacement, Carla Hills, a US trade representative.

So did Ted Turner, chief executive of Turner Broadcasting; Robert Wright, chief executive of NBC; Frank Mancuso, president of Paramount; Frank Wells, chief executive of Walt Disney; and Stephen Ross, chief executive of Time-Warner.

The British, excluding Robert Maxwell, turned up in strength as usual, although Mr Checkland appeared less than pleased by the dismal turn-out from the other side of the Atlantic. He had been particularly anxious to stress to American officials that the BBC did not favour quotas in any form.

"We need to retain the maximum freedom possible to choose our sources for the programmes we transmit. Not for ideological or theoretical reasons, but for practical reasons which go to the heart of how we believe good programmes are made. Good programmes do not, in our experience, arise from committee work," he told the summit.

The American delegation might also have been surprised to learn from Jean Dondelinger, the EC Commissioner responsible for the media, that quotas were last year's argument, and that he looked forward to an audiovisual area "organized in association with our partners around the world, beginning with the US".

With so many participants unavoidably detained elsewhere, the first Luxembourg media summit did not get off to a flying start. The only question remaining last night was whether it would also be the last.

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At an industrial tribunal this week chauffeur John Merkel was awarded £5,431 compensation and back pay for unfair dismissal after it was revealed that his boss, the newly appointed general manager of a City bank, once leant forward and changed the gear of the automatic car, putting it from neutral into reverse. Mr Merkel, whose 11-year record with the bank was previously unblemished, was also once given a written warning about the way he kept hold of the steering wheel.

Jean Denton, a former director of the Rover car company, says she loved having a chauffeur, "because it saved so much time trying to find somewhere to park, although some-

times it can be a disadvantage. Noel Edmonds told me he went to a party and told his chauffeur to come back in three hours, but he hated the party and wanted to leave after half an hour. He didn't have any money with him so he and his wife had to hang around in a doorway until the chauffeur came back. You have to have them there early in case that sort of thing happens so you end up abusing them, but that is part of the job. I certainly would never tell the chauffeur how to drive the car, you have to delegate."

She says it is true that, like hairdressers, chauffeurs are privy to intimate secrets which they keep under their peaked caps: "They know everything that is going on and enjoy gossiping as much as anyone, so long as they trust you not to say where you heard it."

According to the Transport Road and Research Laboratory, if everyone who sits in the back wore a seat belt there would be 9,000 fewer injuries and 150 fewer deaths every year — and a boss would not be able to lean over and interfere with his chauffeur's driving. Robert Vince of Weybridge in Surrey, who runs his own advertising agency, confesses he is a bad passenger. "I once leant over my chauffeur's shoulder and pressed the hooter because someone

A chauffeur's lot is not a happy one,

Heather Kirby reports

In front was doing something very silly," he says. "I hate not being in control, and I always seem to think he is either going too fast or too slow. I change my chauffeurs every three or four years because they get fed up."

Natural restraint, a knowledge of diplomatic etiquette and a certain amount of cunning are a few of the qualities a good chauffeur has to learn, according to Peter Perris, principal of the Rolls-Royce School of Driving Instruction at Crewe, where they have special four-day courses for chauffeurs. Seventy per cent of those who take the course are sent by companies, at a cost of £625 plus VAT and accommodation. Mr Perris says: "If the boss is late for an appointment and the chauffeur is already doing 70mph, he has to use a bit of psychology. It is his driving licence which is at stake, so he can pretend to put on a bit of speed by driving slightly more erratically, with a slightly rougher application of the brake or with a heavier use of the throttle."

"Chauffeurs have no option but to listen to conversations, but they should not absorb what they hear. They cannot answer back, which can be exasperating. Also, it can be very embarrassing for both driver and passenger if there is repeated eye contact, so they must avoid that by moving the rear-view mirror."

When he's getting out of a car the chauffeur must not touch the paintwork, glass or chrome, even if he has gloves on, in case he leaves fingerprints, Mr Perris says. "It looks sloppy, and the one person who is bound to notice is the boss's wife. As far as helping females into the car is concerned, there are special instructions for that. He must stand upright, looking towards the back of the car, in a position where he can give help with parcels if it is needed but not so that he is able to see anything that he shouldn't."

Chauffeurs' salaries can vary from £8,000-£15,000; they rarely belong to a union, are usually over 25 because of the insurance, work unsocial hours (sometimes 17 hours daily in a seven-day week), know the best cheap restaurants, tend to get £10 or £20 tips at places such as Ascot, and are treated best by Americans and Australians, according to Mrs Marie Reed, proprietor

of a City chauffeur hire company. They also get the opportunity to run around in the company Roller at the weekend, but few of them do.

Mick, a 33-year-old former cab driver who is now Adam Faith's chauffeur, explained on the Bentley's car phone yesterday: "I could go out for the day in it but I wouldn't want to bash it. I haven't scratched it, not yet. Adam's all right to work for, but he doesn't get wound up, not about the traffic anyway because there's nothing you can do about it, so what's the point of getting a heart attack? If he's late, he's late. Anyway, he's got two phones to keep him busy, and a portable typewriter."

"I've been doing this job for 18 months and I like it. We do about 1,000 miles a week. I didn't know London at all, which he was pleased about because he could show me all the ways he likes to go. The salary's good, he's a nice person and the family's nice. Now and again I do little jobs for them when he doesn't need me. The worst part is not being able to plan anything. Even if he's going home early a few nights in a row, something always turns up. I'm sitting outside a place in the West End at the moment. He said he'd be 10 minutes. That was an hour ago."

Are the water babies safe?

As the British Gas babies swim into the nation's heart, there are worries

Across Britain, there is a boom in swimming for babies. At Crystal Palace, London, about 2,500 infants a week are taken to mother-and-baby classes designed to foster "water confidence".

This week, however, an advertisement for British Gas, showing a group of babies swimming underwater in the Red Sea, raised the whole question of safety for the water babies.

Halton Roy, the company which produced the advertisement, says four British babies (aged between six months and 11 months) were used in the shots. They were immersed for a maximum of 10 seconds at a depth of only 2ft.

"We did our research very thoroughly," Amos Manasseh, the producer, insists. The babies had several practice sessions in a saltwater swimming pool, and were accompanied by a medical team. According to Michel Odent, who pioneered water births: "At birth the newborn baby adapts to immersion like a dolphin. If he swims every day from day one, there is absolutely no danger. When a baby starts at five months on so, it can be risky if there is no training."

Safety organizations such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Rospa) however, are not happy. Their main concern is that parents might be encouraged to copy the advertisement but the society also warns of the dangers of hyponatraemia — potentially lethal water intoxication caused by swallowing too much water — and the baby ingesting infected water.

The Amateur Swimming Association is equally concerned: "Submerging a baby to 2ft is the equivalent of submerging an adult to 16 ft. Our medical advisers say submergence could hurt a baby's ears."

Anne Hawley, a member of the International Federation

of the Swimming Teachers Association, accompanied Halton Roy to the Red Sea. She believes that it is safe for a baby to go under water, "provided certain safety guidelines are followed. A mother should always be with her baby and never allow him to go deeper than 2ft and only for between five to 10 seconds. When underwater, a baby naturally holds his breath and when he comes to the surface will spit out excess water."

Sharon Zeqiri, aged 29, is the mother of one of the babies in the British Gas advertisement. Her eight-month-old son Billy was used for about three shots on each of four days. "He was in the water for about three to four minutes and underneath it for just a few seconds. He seemed to have a natural reflex which made him hold his breath. I wasn't worried about him going under the water because he seemed to enjoy it so much. When we returned, Billy had a check which showed his hearing was excellent."

Carol Hicks, the author of *Teach Your Child to Swim*, and the instructor at Crystal Palace, says that babies in her classes might go under for "a second, but no more".

Yesterday British Gas endorsed the warning from the ASA that parents should not attempt to copy scenes from their advertisement. "We want to make it absolutely clear to parents with young babies that they must seek professional advice if they wish to teach their babies to swim. Parents must not attempt to submerge their babies in water."

The ASA advises all mothers to choose classes run by teachers who hold its "parent and baby certificates". Wendy Coles, the ASA spokesperson, adds that no baby should swim unless he has had his first two sets of inoculation and that he should not stay in the water for longer than 10 minutes.

JANE BIDDER



Splashing out: mother and baby at a swimming class

& BRIEFLY

Animal crackers

So great was the popularity of "Ten Hen" units among Times readers (& Briefly, December 14 1988) that the company has decided to expand its successful formula to include other types of self-

assembly animal houses.

Several styles of "handy" henhouses have been developed in response to readers' demands for smaller units housing only three or four layers for just a few fresh eggs from the bottom of the garden: in addition, there is now a "duck biter", "bunny hut" and dog house. All components are interchangeable, and specifications can be altered by the addition of runs, legs, removable partitions, mesh windows, etc. There is even a

playhouse for children along similar lines for £60 — although you still have to feed and water them at home.

All can be assembled in minutes, the company promises, without the use of any tools. Further details from Ten Hen, The Gables, Framingham Pigot, Norwich NR14 7QJ (05086 2453).

Foody stores

Supermarkets have often sacrificed quality for conve-

nience, but a new chain — the first of which will open in London's Putney next week — promises to go back to the "good old days" of specialist food emporia, but in a 15,000 sq ft space.

Packaging will be minimal, as meat and fish and cheeses will be freshly cut, coffee freshly roasted and ground, fresh vegetables bought in from Covent Garden market, and pastries and breads baked on the premises by a master baker. An organic section will include meats as well as vegetables and fruits.

The first Food Store — the brainchild of Neil Fairley, ex-Tie Rack and Next — will be in business from next Thursday at the Putney Exchange, High Street, Putney, London SW15.

First show

The first Green Consumer Exhibition opens tomorrow at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1, and will run until Monday

May 28. An offshoot of the Festival for Mind, Body and Spirit — now in its fourteenth year and running concurrently in the halls — it boasts 70 exhibitors from animal activist groups to consumer product developers.

Tickets are £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for pensioners and £1.50 for children, including a free catalogue. An entrance donation of £2 will be asked for each talk and there will be free childcare facilities on the premises. The halls are open from 10.30am until 8.30pm weekdays and Bank Holiday Monday, Enquiries to New Life Designs, the company which runs both exhibitions, at 170 Campden Hill Road, London W8 7AS (071-938 3788).

Label line

The popular Permark name tapes are now available on a 24-hour telephone order system, launched to celebrate the

company's 21 years in the business. Just dial 081-900 0041, leaving personal name tape orders (specifying woven or iron-on) and credit card details. This should clip at least two days off Permark's normal 10 to 14-day delivery, but the postal service still operates. The price is £3.50 including post and packing for six dozen.

Time flies

Time pieces de resistance will go on display from next Tuesday until Saturday June 16 at Garrard's, the Crown Jewellers. They include a mace skull watch originally thought to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, the watch used to navigate the ship Discovery on its way to found Vancouver, Canada, in 1791, and examples from the private collections of great watchmakers such as Patek Philippe.

VICTORIA MCKEE



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Cabinet skeletons

FIFTY years ago this week, as France fell, another battle was raging in the War Cabinet. On one side was Churchill who stood, despite certain private doubts, for victory at all costs. On the other, his foreign secretary Halifax, who wanted a negotiated settlement with Hitler on the best available terms at the time.

That much we have long known. What Luddys Charlton and Chris Ouley promised in their documentary *Divided We Stand* (Thames) was a more detailed account of the appeasers and how far down the road to surrender they were prepared to travel.

In the event, we were given rather less. The programme spent 30 minutes on what looked like highlights from Jeremy Isaacs' 15-year-old *World at War*. Only after the break did it reveal the existence of a Red Book listing 250 members of a secret society.

The trouble is that this book dates from 1939, before war was declared. Even 50 years later, the

programme seemed, oddly, unable to interview the survivors among those involved. It returned, rather, to familiar archive footage of such well-known Nazi sympathizers as the late Duke of Windsor, probably because HRH is now safely out of the reach of his libel lawyers.

Stories were told of secret appeasement conclaves in Stockholm and San Francisco during 1940, but these have been turning up in war diaries for years. So have the realities of Churchill's Cabinet struggles, and the post-Dunkirk political rage of MPs such as Michael Foot.

Only in its closing moments, when the programme told of a meeting between Lady Halifax and Churchill at which she objected to her husband's exile to Washington and Sir Winston outlined the real reasons for it, did we begin to see how much more fascinating the film could have been. Technically intriguing — in its use of colour footage and a device whereby a cigarette can now be seen to smoke through a still photograph — *Divided We Stand* only suggested that, even now, the 1940 files are being insufficiently probed.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Painted glory by the Thames

The Courtauld Institute has found a fine home for its art treasures.

George Hill reports

A blank patch in the centre of Londoners' mental map of their city is at last about to be filled again. For generations, the name of Somerset House has scarcely implied a place at all: like the names of Whitehall and, more recently, of Marsham Street, it has almost become an abstraction, with a dreary generic implication of red tape, dusty files and institutional anonymity.

But next month, the collections of the Courtauld Institute open to the public again at their new home, in the splendid rooms in Somerset House which were built for the Royal Academy in the days of Sir Joshua Reynolds. The forgotten quadrangle between the Strand and the Thames will take its place on the map again. At least, one side of it will.

"It is a disgrace how this building, which is perhaps the greatest monument of neo-classical architecture in central London, has been ignored," Dr Dennis Farr, director of the galleries, said yesterday at a preview for the press. "In Paris or Madrid, this ensemble would have been a major tourist attraction for decades. Here it is hidden behind forbidding iron gates."

The move from its former cramped quarters at the top of a grating lift in Bloomsbury has enabled the Courtauld to fulfil its long-held ambition of bringing under one roof all its collections, its studios and laboratories. At Somerset House, there is space to show 80 per cent of the Courtauld's collections of paintings, furniture and silver.

Yesterday, the galleries were in the midst of preparations for the formal opening by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother next month. Sawdust covered the carpet and quattrocento madonnas peered mistily out through plastic



Dr Dennis Farr, director of the Courtauld galleries, flanked by Van Gogh's "Peach blossom in the Cross" and "Self Portrait"

wrappings. The press picked their way carefully round 16th-century majolica basins clustered on the floor waiting for their glass case to be put up. But the success of the marriage between Sir Joshua's fine rooms and the Courtauld's fine paintings was already apparent. The pictures look as if they have lived there all their lives.

Manet's barmaid at the Folies-Bergere gazes dreamily-eyed out in the general direction of the Probate Registry, surrounded by shimmering bottles of beer and champagne, and oblivious equally to the hubbub of Parisian night-life in the 1880s and London picture-hanging in the 1930s.

Crauch's "Adam and Eve" consider whether to yield to temptation two storeys above the Strand. In a far hat beside a fireplace is Van Gogh, his ear still bandaged, looking like someone the ticket-deck might well have turned away at the door. The

Cezannes are a catalogue of images we have lived with all our lives: the card-players, the lake island, the plaster Cupid wrestling with emptiness, the mountain.

"We have pictures here which people who have never set foot in a picture-gallery know well from table-mats and tea-towels," said Dr Farr. "What we have to do now is tempt them in. We hope to get a banner strung up in the Strand saying 'Here we are!'."

Here and there a distracting flash of reflected light on a Rubens or a Botticelli reminds one of the fierce arguments that raged over these rooms in the 1970s, when a campaign was waged to use them to display Turner landscapes.

Desperate to keep their hands on their Turner, the trustees of the Tate Gallery blackened the name of Somerset House with assertions that the lighting of the rooms was all wrong for the display of paintings, and that the 18th-

century fabric was too damp and vulnerable to fire for masterpieces to be trusted there.

"I have no qualms about these rooms," said Dr Farr. "The Tate trustees were mainly mounting a political campaign because they didn't want to lose their Turners. These are superb rooms for the display of paintings."

The 1970s campaigners did not limit their sights to the ceremonial rooms on the north side of Somerset House, which have now become the new home for the Courtauld Institute. The other three sides of the quadrangle are still in the grip of the Civil Service (notably the Inland Revenue), and the lofty terrace which stands on great rusticated arches overlooking the Thames remains closed to the public.

"I very much regret that the old campaigns lost their momentum," says Andrew Faulds, MP, who was

Labour spokesman for the arts in the 1970s. "The building itself is magnificent, and the bureaucrats should be cleared out so that the space can be used as an arts centre and for learned societies."

Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, was in the thick of the controversies of 1975. "The department on the river frontage didn't like the idea of people parading on the terrace in front of their windows," he says. "But it would be easy to put up a wire, to stop people peering in at the state documents. It is tragic that the campaign to open the terrace came to nothing."

Somerset House sources indicated yesterday that they had no thought of decamping. As for opening the river terrace, their comment was that they were not aware that the possibility had ever been raised. Campaigns may come and campaigns may go, but the Inland Revenue stays put for ever.

CRITICS' CHOICE: OPERA/DANCE

OPERA

LONDON

IL TROVATORE (Verdi): Less than riveting staging by Piero Fagnoli, but top cast back to full strength: Varnes, Steblinski, Leiferkus and Randov. San Edwards takes baton from Edward Downes on May 29.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (Mozart): Lovely new production by Jonathan Miller. Gregory Yurish and Lesley Garrett are the Count's resourceful valet and his fiancée. English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-536 5161), tonight-Sat, 7pm, £2-£33.

CLARISSA: Robin Holloway's treatment of Richardson's novel has outraged some by its handling of rape, others by its conduct of barrowing from Wagner, Tippett et al. A serious case of rape and pillage. ENO (as above), Fri and Tues, 7.30pm, £2-£18.

OPERA 60: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) and *The Merry Widow* (Lehar). A short run in the capital to end their nationwide tour. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight and Fri (Lucia), Thurs, Sat and Tues (Widow), the last "signed" for the deal, 7.30pm, £4-£18.

OUTSIDE LONDON

OPERA NORTH: Don Pasquale (Donizetti). Roger Byson and Judith Howarth lead the cast in Patrick Mason's production for Opera North (tonight-Fri). *Orpheus and Eurydice* (Gluck): Finely conducted by Clive Timms. Sally Burgess as the hapless musician (tomorrow, Sat).

THE MAGIC FLUTE: The first Mozart production in this country from America's enfant terrible, Peter Sellars. (review overleaf) Shydebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), tonight, Fri and Sun, 5.25pm, £20-£75.

LA BOHEME (Puccini) and **DON PASQUALE** (Donizetti): Travelling Opera's unconventional productions gave the legendary citizens of Turnbridge Wells a chance to forge a new image for themselves. Assembly Hall, Turnbridge Wells (0892 30613), tonight (*Bohème*) and tomorrow (*Pasquale*), 7.30pm, £2-£12.

GALOMIE (Strauss): Subtle, understated study of eroticism by André Engel. Cynthia Meloni as the princess with the kinky tastes. Scottish Opera, Theatre Royal, Glasgow, Hope Street (041 331 1234), tomorrow and Tues, 8pm, £5-£25.50.

OTELLO (Verdi): Return of Peter Stein's highly praised production for WNO, with Jeffrey Lawton and Faith Esham in the lead roles. Welsh National Opera, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 284844), Tues, 7.15pm, £3.50-£30.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: A title bill from tonight until Saturday of Alton's *Dealing with Shadows* set to Mozart; a new work by choreographer Siobhan Davies to a commissioned score by Kevin Volans; and Glen Tetley's *Embrace Tiger and Return to Mountain*.

A MATTER OF CHANCE: New work for the Kosh acrobatic movement with words by Roger McGough. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), eves, 8pm (Wed, 7.30pm), £7. (No performances May 27-29). Until June 2.

ROMEO AND JULIET: Sylvie Guillem's debut as Juliet in the Royal Ballet production. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC1 (071 240 1066), Fri and Mon, 7.30pm, £1-£41.

TRITON: World premiere for Mayfest by Philippe Decouflé and his company

MOVES AFOOT

Two nights of new dance selected by Sue MacLennan. Performers include Gregory Nash (Sat) and Julien Hamilton (Sun). Funcham, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-028 8800), 8pm, £5.

ECHOING OF TRUMPETS: Revival by English National Ballet of Antony Tudor's work about courage and cruelty in wartime, with Christopher Bruce's latest ballet, set to Stravinsky's *Symphony in Three Movements*. Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922), Mon and Tues, 7.30pm, £5-£22.

LA FILLE MAL GARDEE: Ashton's romantic comedy for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (Mon-Thurs); Triple bill of *The Dream*, *Flowers of the Forest* and the world premiere of a new Lucie ballet (Fri, Sat, Sun).

PERFORMANCE ART: **TALKING PICTURES**: *Lucky People*. 1989 Edinburgh Fringe first, this piece shows promise amongst younger mine work. Using rapid visual story-telling, mime and text, it looks at the rise and fall of the yuppie with comic irony. Mortimer Wilson Centre, Grange Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire (0773 822331), Thurs, 7.30pm, £2 (£1).

EDGE 90 - NEWCASTLE: This international festival of "innovative visual arts" offers a challenging selection of installations, talks and performances. Installations include strong work by Richard Wilson and Rosie Levanon (GB), a mad maze by Australian Mike Parr and a dramatic piece by Mark Thompson. Performances by Karen Finley (USA) (tonight, 8.30pm); Martin Spangaard (Netherlands) (Fri, 2pm); Ben Patterson (USA) (Fri, 10pm); Orlan (France) (Sat, 2pm); Marina Abramovic (Yugoslavia) (Sat, 10pm). Conference: *Art and Life in the Nineties* (Fri, Sat, 10pm). Installations: Daily 12-6pm at 60 Haver Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (until Tues). For further details: 081 232 0882.

O SAY CAN YOU SEE? An ICA season of new performance from the US. A real chance to find out about the American performance scene with three examples of innovative text work. Writer/performer John O'Keefe uses his secret childhood language, "Shimshim", as a means of contemporary story-telling (tonight, tomorrow, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 8.30pm). The V-Girls, known as "the bad girls of aesthetic and academic", present papers on works of art and literature with seriously sharp humor (Fri-Sun, 7.30pm). *Allegory* no 140509 by Guillermo Gomez-Pena gives a witty examination of Mexican/American border culture (Tues and May 30, 8pm). ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3847), £5 (£2.50) plus £1 day membership.

MAYFEST AT THE THIRD EYE CENTRE: The US also hits the Third Eye Centre with the V-Girls (tonight, tomorrow, 9.30pm) and the British debut of Coast Island Performance Group (Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm). A new young Chicago-based collective, this is a must for those who have wondered about the influence of the incredible Wooster Group on the next generation of performers in America. Rigorous movement patterns, gruffing performance tasks, autobiographical text and film tableaux all combine to examine the hypocrisy involved in morality and power structures. Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 0522), £5 (£2.50).

THE BRIGHTON FESTIVAL AT THE ZAP: *Man Act in Slow Dancing*. This strong performance duo work with 20 dancers to re-enact the desperation of the grueling dance marathons of the Depression. Clear well-thought-out processes used to make strong comments. Zap Club, Old Ship Beach, Brighton, BN1 1AB (073 775987), Thurs-Sat, 8pm, £4.50 (£3.50).

CHRISTINE BODDINGTON

Besieged but resolute at the Royal Ballet

Despite a 'prickly, uneasy' season at Covent Garden, Anthony Dowell has no intention of relinquishing the most difficult job in British dance. Interview by Debra Craine

Anthony Dowell is sorry to disappoint his critics, but rumours of his resignation are greatly exaggerated. The 47-year-old director of the Royal Ballet is not planning to leave the company he has led for the past four years, despite the fact that he believes it to be an impossible job with few perks.

Imminent plans to depart? "I had imminent plans last weekend! I had a very bad weekend because I'd experienced my first cancellation of a production. This season has been prickly, uneasy, although the others haven't been picnic. "The production was *The Planets*. David Bintley's new ballet to Gustav Holst's 50-minute orchestral showpiece, which was to have received its premiere at the Royal Opera House on May 17. Instead it has been postponed until August to allow time for set designer Ralph Koltai's concept for the ballet to be fully realized.

"I didn't want to see *The Planets* diluted, watered down or compromised. I don't think it would have been worth doing," says Dowell. But following hard on the heels of last month's cancellation of a planned new work by the American choreographer William Forsythe, and the earlier scrapping of an American tour this summer because of loss of sponsorship, it all adds up to apparent administrative muddle.

Dowell agrees that "it looks bad to the outside. I understand why people are marked. I'm not happy with it either. It's a theatrical cock-up that happens in life. And yes, my head's on the block, they can chop it off."

He talks like a director under siege. Criticized in the press as a disappointment, criticized by

some of his dancers for lack of strong leadership, Dowell does not help his own cause by being so open about his doubts over making the transition from performer to director.

"It has been an amazing voyage of discovery and of learning all the ropes, and of being honest about being rather shocked by the ropes. But the more I talk to my colleagues in the same job as me, like Peter Schaufuss [formerly of English National Ballet, now in Berlin] and Reid Anderson [National Ballet of Canada], I find we speak the same script. There are identical problems."

But unlike Schaufuss, Nureyev or Baryshnikov, Dowell says he does not have a hostile board of directors to contend with. "In fact, since Lord Sainsbury has been chairman I've experienced total support."

He has, however, felt hampered by the attitude of some of his dancers, claiming they have forced him to take on the uncomfortable role of schoolmaster. Today's generation of performer is a new breed, no longer afraid to rebel against the system, as evidenced by the militancy of dancers during the recent pay dispute.

"I just hope I'm able to instil a code of behaviour in the theatre, and respect for everyone in the business. That is the biggest battle I face. I suppose it happens in every generation, but we were never how this lot are."

Today's Royal Ballet is a young

company, perhaps more exciting for its potential than for its present delivery. Dowell is aware that it takes time to develop young talent. Meanwhile, he will continue his policy of inviting guest artists such as Sylvie Guillem to fill the void.

"Since my coming in, I've pleased some but also caused a big hate scene because I've continued to open the doors to guests. I'm keeping that policy, because I feel that's what the audiences need to see. Senior artists resent guests because it takes performances away from them. But I believe that if a company is lucky enough to obtain someone with a spark of something very special, other dancers have to be like sponges, and learn."

Guest artists next season will include the Kirov's Altyai Asymuratova and the Bolshoi's Irek Mukhamedov.

In answer to those who mourn the passing of the great British ballet partnerships, such as his own with Antoinette Sibley, Dowell says he has not yet spotted "an amazing chemistry between two people" in his company. And developing such partnerships does not appear to be one of his priorities.

Instead, he wants to improve standards, while bringing in more created work. But tomorrow, when Dowell announces his plans for 1990-91, his critics could find further ammunition. The highlight will be Bintley's first full-length work for Covent Garden,

based on Edmond Rostand's heroic comedy *Cyrano de Bergerac*. The principal choreographer, Sir Kenneth MacMillan, will contribute a new one-act ballet, so will the company choreographer, Ashley Page. From outside the Royal's stable will come from Balanchine's *Stravinsky Violin Concerto*.

All of them are choreographers already represented in the Royal's repertoire. To those critics who point out that the dancers have not encountered a single one of the new wave of young choreographers currently dazzling (or

outraging) mainland Europe, Dowell counters with the fact that negotiations are continuing with William Forsythe, as well as with Jiri Kylian and Mark Morris.

Losing a specially-commissioned work from Forsythe, artistic director of the Frankfurt Ballet, was a blow to Dowell. "We agreed on something. Forsythe's schedule changed, and Sylvie [Guillem] was not keen on the work he was going to sell to us second-hand to save the day. I very much wanted her in that programme."

Meanwhile, despite the disappointments, the dancer who once hoped to become an actor will remain in the director's chair. "Administration stifles everything. When it comes to satisfying my creative urges, the job is a bit thin on the ground sometimes. But I do want to be around to see a new generation come up."



Anthony Dowell: Still in the director's chair, although stifled by administrative tedium

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WHO HAS MADE HOT NEWS IN DICTATION

The Guinness trial

Crown case ends after 53 days of evidence

THE Crown's case against four defendants accused of offences in the Guinness takeover of Distillers closed yesterday, 56 days into the trial.

The jury of eight men and four women have sat through 53 days of evidence and have heard from 50 people called by the prosecution to give evidence from the witness-box in Courtroom No 2 at Southwark Crown Court.

Yesterday, the jurors were told that, because of legal submissions, they need not return to the hearing until 10am on Monday, June 4, when the defence case is expected to begin.

On trial are Ernest Saunders, aged 54, the former Guinness chief executive; Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of Heron Corporation; Anthony Parnes, aged 44, a stockbroker; and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, a financier. They variously deny 24 charges, including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

It is alleged, by the prosecution, that an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure that a £2.7 billion bid by Guinness for Distillers in 1986 beat the offer of the brewing group's rival bidder, Argyll.

Supporters recruited to support Guinness were paid in-



Saunders: denies charges over Guinness takeover

demnities and success fees, the prosecution claims.

The jury has been told that Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, wrote to the company's solicitors alleging impropriety and implicating himself and Mr Saunders after a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry began into the takeover.

An internal investigation by auditors later identified "areas of concern" including £25 million payments to cover losses on investments and success fees, it has been alleged.

The defendants deny knowingly being concerned in any illegal transactions relating to the bid.

Mr John Chadwick, QC,

leading the prosecution team, brought the Crown's case to a close at about noon yesterday, commenting that it was the 14th week of the trial.

Earlier, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, number two in the prosecution team, referred the jury to the brightly coloured loose-leaf binders that they share, one between two, known in the case as "The Rainbow File." Although the jurors have already seen hundreds of pages of documents involved in the case, she pointed out a number of prepared papers intended to help them.

The papers included a list of advisers used by Guinness during the "titanic struggle" for Distillers - the merchant banks, management consultants, solicitors, brokers and company auditors.

Other pages were graphs showing the changes of Argyll and Guinness share prices during the takeover battle, letters appealing to Distillers shareholders to accept the Guinness offer, and press releases issued when the bid went unconditional.

Mr Justice Henry told the jurors that he believed that they would probably prefer to have a set date to return after the legal submissions, and told them to come back on June 4. The trial continues today.

New tune at Chesterfield



Roger Wingate: soaring asset-value gains of the past two years "consolidated"

THE dramatic rise in net asset values has come to an end at Chesterfield Properties (Matthew Bond writes).

In the year to December net assets per share rose by only 5.3 per cent. In the previous two years increases were 41 per cent and 64 per cent.

Mr Roger Wingate, managing director, said: "Although the increase in net asset value was modest, I am grateful that the significant gains of the last

two years have been consolidated against the background of a deteriorating property market."

What increase in value there had been, said Mr Wingate, was due to just one West End office block.

At all other properties any increase in rent had been

countered by an increase in the yield at which the property was valued. Net assets per share stand at 1,434p. Pre-tax

profits rose by 13.5 per cent to £12.1 million, helped by a 63 per cent increase in rental income to £24.3 million.

However, the interest charge more than tripled to £10 million. A further £13.4 million has been capitalized against the value of the group's developments.

A final dividend of 11.1p (10p) a share gives a total of 17.6p. The shares shed 5p to 745p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

'Nothing sinister' in Diamond Group delay

DIAMOND Group Holdings, the mechanical breakdown insurance company whose newly-quoted shares were suspended last October when it failed to report interim results, is unlikely to publish those results before mid-July. Mr Michael Housely, who took over as chief executive following the resignation of Mr Derek Diamond last month, said it had taken longer than expected to prepare the accounts for audit, but that there was "nothing sinister" in the delay. Shareholders would be given a full explanation of the difficulties.

Mr Housely said current trading was "going very well." It is understood that Diamond will report losses of between £1 million and £2 million. Diamond shares, placed on the USM at 85p a year ago, were suspended at 65p. Mr Housely said he was prepared to meet "any shareholder" who asks for an explanation.

Scott's goes into profit

SCOTT'S Restaurant, the restaurant operator, made pre-tax profits of £593,000 in the year to end-December, against a £419,000 loss. The trading performance was helped by turnover 8.8 per cent ahead, at £6.77 million, and 1988's disposal of the loss-making Mirabelle Restaurant. Earnings per share are 80.85p (81.24p loss). The dividend is 8.6p (4.78p).

Film library owner ahead

PRE-TAX profits at British & American Film Holdings, the investment company and film library owner, rose by 29.7 per cent to £927,000 in the year to end-December. Earnings per share are 25.04p (19.58p). The final is 5.65p (5.05p), making a total dividend of 8.3p (7.425p). Effective net assets per share, excluding film rights, rose to 795.4p (580.7p).

Platon back in black

PLATON International, the instrumentation group, is back in the black with a pre-tax profit of £408,000 in the year to end-March, compared with a £361,000 loss. Earnings per share are 5.7p (13.3p loss). Again there is no dividend.

The group, which has disposed of its troubled electronics businesses, has been solely involved in instrumentation, with turnover in this field increasing by 24.5 per cent to £5.18 million (£5.63 million). Exports have increased by 15.4 per cent. The company has reduced administrative expenses by 17 per cent to £1.21 million. Gearing stood at 68 per cent (140 per cent). There was an extraordinary loss of £60,000.

Setback for Frank Gates

AMID difficult trading conditions in the motor trade, Frank G Gates, the London Ford main dealer, saw pre-tax profits slip from £2.28 million to £1.95 million in the year to end-December. Group turnover edged up by 5 per cent to £82.9 million. Eps fell from 6.83p to 5.34p, but the final dividend remains 2.75p, after adjustment for last year's scrip issue.

Mecca chief's salary rises

MR MICHAEL Guthrie, chairman and chief executive of Mecca Leisure Group, earned a salary of £145,000 last year, according to the annual report, up from an annualized £111,000 for the year to December 1988. Two other directors received salaries of between £95,000 and £100,000, and five employees earned between £95,000 and £120,000.

Aspinall buys club

MR JOHN Aspinall, the former casino chief turned animal lover, is returning to the London gaming scene where he first made his name with the purchase for an undisclosed sum from the administrative receivers of Aspinall Curzon of part of the casino's assets and the White Elephant Club.

Aspinall Curzon is part of Leisure Investments, the crashed leisure empire once run by Mr Stephen Forsyth which was bought by Courtwell, formerly known as Bear Brand, this year. The Aspinall Curzon Club itself was formerly run by Mr Aspinall before he sold it to Mr Peter de Savary's Landleisure, subsequently itself swallowed up by LI.

Fisons chief goes on defensive in peat campaign

By OUR CITY STAFF

A CAMPAIGN to influence institutional investors over threats to nature in peatlands led Fisons, Britain's biggest extractor of lowland peat, to make a statement at its annual meeting to defend its activities.

Mr John Kerridge, chairman and chief executive of the pharmaceuticals, instruments and horticulture group, said Fisons used peat in its products only where there was no substitute. He said 90 per cent of the peat extracted by Fisons was used to produce composts and growing media.

"There is no suitable viable alternative currently available for this purpose," he argued, although Fisons had substituted other materials where possible - as in its lawn fertilizers - and was funding research.

He added that Fisons devoted 10 per cent of its 9,000 acres of Britain's 75,000 acres of lowland peatlands, to nature reserves and made efforts to aid regeneration after extraction.

The Peatlands Campaign, led by Friends of the Earth, has campaigned with Pensions Investment Research Consultants to persuade institutions to press for peat-cutting to be stopped on land designated as of interest to nature conservation.

It claimed that 90 per cent of Fisons' operations were on sites of special scientific interest.

On group prospects, Mr Kerridge said the economic situation had not affected its performance in the first few months of the year.

"We have set ourselves some relatively demanding and indeed ambitious growth targets for 1990, and I can tell you that in the first four months of the year, we are in all cases achieving, and in a number of instances comfortably exceeding, these demanding goals," he added.

THE crisis surrounding the Soviet Union's foreign currency drain intensified as yet another international chemical company announced that substantial bills had not been paid.

Alzo, the Dutch chemical group, claimed that it is owed "several dozens of millions of guilders worth of unpaid bills."

It said that it had been forced to sack 40 workers in its carpet yarn division as a direct consequence of the problems with the Soviet Union, the division's largest customer.

Alzo is the latest chemical group to have fallen foul of recent Soviet trade practices, although until the end of last year the Soviet Union had been regarded as one of the most reliable debtors in the world.

Other chemical companies, including BASF and Hoechst

of West Germany, have reported similar problems. The worsening of the situation has led officials in the West Germany economics ministry to believe that the problems could lead to a severe setback in East-West trade.

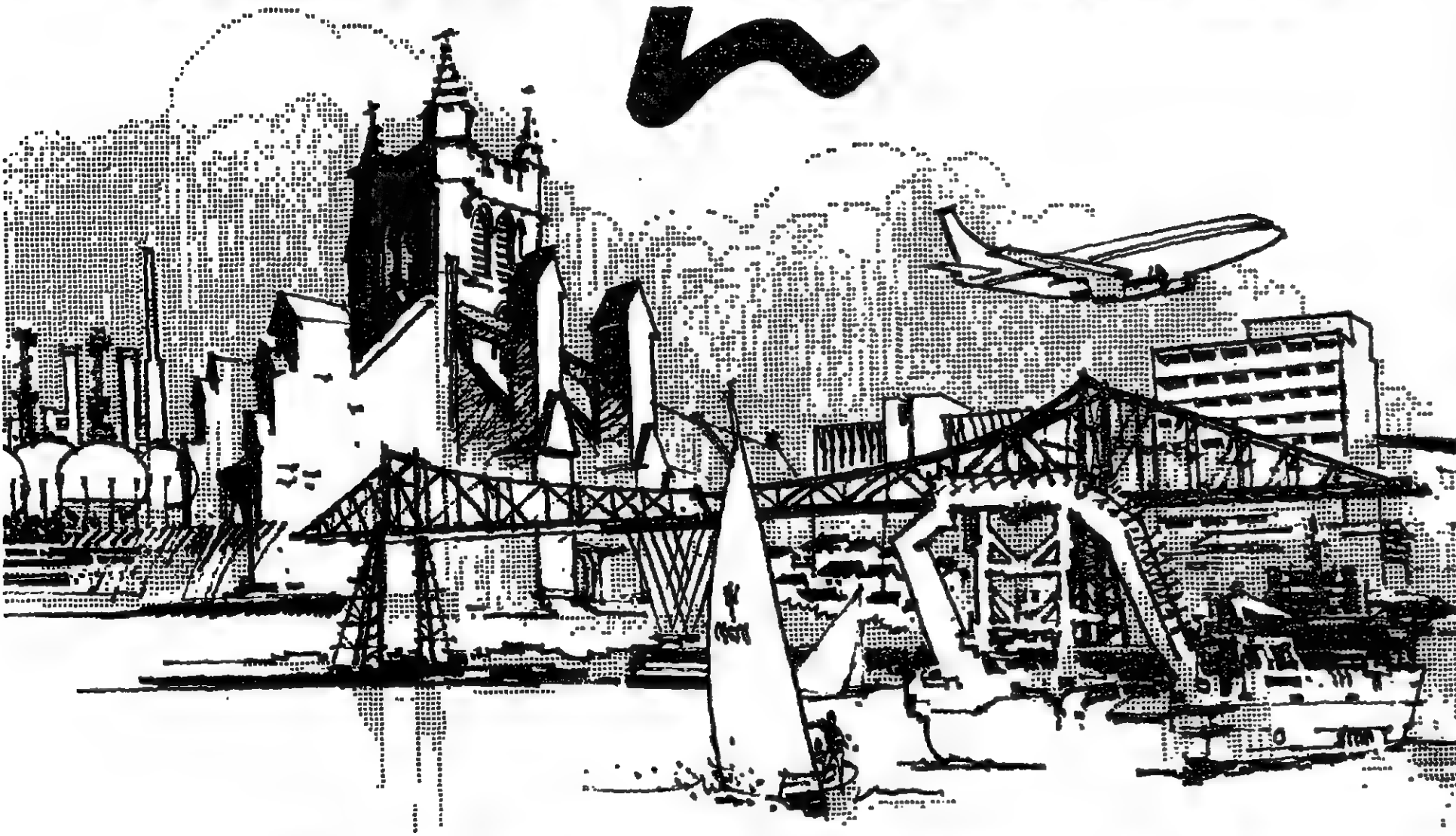
In West Germany, where the problems have been greatest, some small- and medium-sized companies have already cut trading links with the Soviet Union.

The cause of the problems lies in a shortage of foreign currency reserves and in a restructuring of the Soviet Union's foreign trade regulations.

The restructuring involved the abolition of foreign trade associations and the introduction of rules allowing imports and exports no longer to balance globally but on a sector basis.

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TEES/SIDE Initiative Talent Ability

The Brussels Music Hall was mourning the loss of Max Wall last night, but The Berleymont players were trying hard.

I say, I say, I say, what is the difference between an investment and a subsidy?

I don't know, what is the difference between an investment and a subsidy?

If a company is going bankrupt and the state puts in money, that is aid; if it is doing well and the state invests capital, that is not aid.

That is really no joke. It is a curious statement from Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, to support settlement of the long-running saga of Renault and the aid it received from the French government. There is a superficial logic in the statement, but it falls apart under examination. A company can be doing remarkably well but still be given aid. Aid for a special project. Launch aid for a new aircraft or engine. Aid for expansion into new plant. And so on.

At the other end of the equation, we find equally non-

Accommodating competition in Brussels

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

conformist situations. Investment can be made in start-up ventures which might fail without government help, but which stand to pay off handsomely if they can be brought successfully to market. Private investors are every day putting money into loss-makers in the hope of turning a modest stake into a major windfall.

In other words, the distinction drawn is bogus, or at the very least open to endless argument about its interpretation.

But in the Renault decision, there was one vista of sparkling clarity. The Competition Commissioner is prepared to do deals, to compromise with politicians, to accept that which can be obtained by negotiation rather than that which is necessarily right or within the rules. Renault has got away with returning substantially less than the EC believed should be repaid, and is even then paying only a proportion in cash. The

implications for Rover in the £38 million "sweeteners" affair will not be overlooked. A neat £30 million in a plain brown envelope should do nicely.

The willingness of the Commissioner to do deals, albeit after a lengthy period of stand-off during which, according to one particularly flowery French interpretation, the two sides showed their teeth in a grimace that has turned into a smile, also has implications for the manner in which competition policy might be run from Brussels. At present, the most senior competition bodies operated by EC countries, the Office of Fair Trading and Monopolies Commission in Britain and the Federal Cartel Office in Ger-

many, are fiercely independent of politics. Admittedly, any MMC recommendation can be over-ruled by the Secretary of State for Trade, but its conclusions and recommendations are its own, untainted, view. The same applies to Germany. It would be a great shame if that impartiality is lost.

Nigel's turn?

Now that London is to be the home of the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development the next target for British infiltration could be the International Monetary Fund. Although the present managing director, Michel Camdessus, is not due to complete his five-year term

until December next year, speculation is growing that he will not serve a further term.

Talk in the upper echelons of the Fund is already centring on the ample figure of Nigel Lawson as a possible successor. By tradition, the president of the World Bank is always an American while the managing director of the IMF is a European.

Britain has never had an official in a top international post just as it has never hosted a major international financial institution. By contrast, M Camdessus is the third Frenchman to have served as IMF managing director following Pierre-Paul Schweitzer and Jacques de Larosiere. A Frenchman, Jacques Delors, also heads the EC Commission; another, Jean-Claude Paye, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and a third, Jacques Attali, has been named head of the EBRD. The other managing directors of the Fund have been a Belgian, Swedes (two)

and a Dutchman. The last should give the Netherlands some modest recompense for losing out in the EBRD scramble.

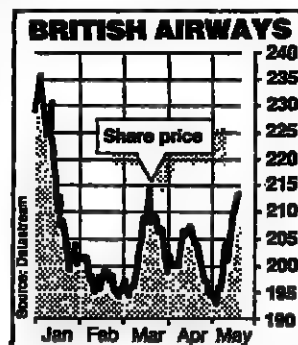
Sir Geoffrey Howe was approached for the post of IMF managing director when it last became vacant in 1986 but expressed no interest. He was at that time Foreign Secretary and presumably retained domestic political ambitions.

Mr Lawson would certainly bring a new liveliness to the IMF and could be counted on to raise its profile. The acid remarks which he has directed at Fund staff seem unlikely to be held against him. The question is whether he would receive sufficient support in the political horse-trading. He does not appear to have taken any more trouble to build a constituency among Fund members than he did with Conservative back-benchers.

Final decisions on a successor to M Camdessus will be taken next year in the executive committee of the IMF. On past form, this will be preceded by intensive diplomacy, during which the successful candidate will mysteriously emerge rather as a new Pope is elected.

TEMPUS

British Airways flies higher



In the 12 months to March, however, profits rose by only 0.1 per cent to £18.7 million, implying a 15 per cent reduction in the second half. Earnings per share fell by a tenth overall to 6.49p, because of the dilution from the £26 million rights issue to pay for Vischer, the Dutch tufted carpet manufacturer acquired at the end of 1988.

The main setback was due to a fall in car output in Britain. Its business supplying car carpets, seat covers and rubber seals accounts for about one-fifth of group sales. These problems have continued this year and analysts expect a further setback in the first half of 1990-91. However, a better second half could result in profits of £18 million and earnings per share of 6.2p.

That would give a prospective p/e ratio of 9 and the shares, up 2p at 54½p, may be rated sharply once it is clear that a recovery is under way.

Prowing

PROWING, the South-east housebuilder, is sticking to its policy of protecting its margins. If chief executive, Mr Terry Roydon, cannot make money, he does not build

houses on the company's 600 acre land bank.

Helped by commercial land sales, Prowing's operating margins actually increased last year to 30.5 per cent, compared to 28.3 per cent in 1989. But due to the state of the market, profits suffered and will continue to do so.

As a South-east specialist, Prowing could not expect to escape the slump unscathed. In the year to February, it built only 307 houses, compared with 704 the year before, although turnover was held up by building and selling more expensive houses.

A final dividend of 3.3p leaves the total unchanged at 5p. Interest charges increased by 487 per cent to £3.23 million, reducing pre-tax profits to £16.1 million. 26 per cent below 1989's level. Gearing, however, is only 24 per cent and should ensure that the company will be around to see a market revival.

That could come too late to save this year's figures, which may see profits fall again, perhaps to £12 million, although land sales could once again come to the rescue. But while profits fluctuate, investors should remember the margins.

Rise and fall of Sock Shop is classic tale of the 1980s



Success story that turned sour: Sophie Mirman

TWO years ago Miss Sophie Mirman, still riding on the wave of niche retailing that she had helped create, was voted USM Entrepreneur of the Year.

Miss Mirman's Sock Shop International had not even been on the USM a full 12 months. On the panel who elected her were other examples of that 1980s breed, the Business Superstars: Mr Tony Berry and Miss Debbie Moore.

At that stage Miss Moore, the dance studio queen, had already met her Waterloo and limped away from the Pineapple Group. Mr Berry and his Blue Arrow group had theirs still to come.

It was a time when a businessman or woman with a formula and a winning way with the City could find themselves on the cover of all the best lifestyle magazines.

Mr Richard Branson, Mr John Ashcroft, Mr George Davies, Mrs Anita Roddick... the small investor, educated in the ways of popular capitalism by the privatization programme and with expectations unduly raised, flocked to put money in their hands.

Miss Mirman had it all. She had an easy charm and a blue-stocking business background — mother milliner to the Queen, father a vice-president of Christian Dior. She had worked right in the heart of the retailing success story of recent years, as secretary to Lord Sieff at Marks and Spencer, and then switched to the first real niche retailer, Tie Rack, where she met her husband and co-founder of Sock Shop, Mr Richard Ross.

That summer of 1988, the stock market crash had tarnished one set of 1980s heroes in the City itself, but the bottom had yet to fall out of consumer spending to blight another. The awards kept coming for Sock Shop, and the belief at the time was that the exponential growth on which they were based could never stop.

The departure of Mr Ronald Jacob, the finance director, through ill health went unnoticed. He was never formally replaced.

By the turn of that year the

cracks were starting to show. Analysts were beginning to worry about rising borrowings, then more than 100 per cent of shareholders' funds. Sales in existing stores were already static, but another 35 new outlets were planned that financial year, and the City was beginning to question the basis for the sky-high multiples some niche retailers were commanding.

As the company entered 1989 Mr Ross, who had already acquired a reputation in the City for his difficult manner, promised an approach that would be "a lot less glitzy and a lot more practical."

A year later it had all fallen apart. The company, warned of losses, was forced to look for a partner and make heavy write-offs for its US side and

admitted the need for refinancing.

The administrative receivers went in in February to try to find a partner who would prop up the company and assume its mounting debts, reckoned to approach £20 million. Yesterday a third of the staff lost their jobs and half the shops in this country closed.

Mr Peter Moss, corporate development director, had gone in March, a belated acknowledgement that Sock Shop had had quite enough corporate development for the time being. The knives were out for Mr Ross — Miss Mirman claims to have felt physically ill when she read one morning that her husband's dismissal was the price the City would reportedly exact for the group's survival.

Sock Shop's problems in the US, already a graveyard for British retailers, were simple. It lost sight of the fact that Americans shop in huge malls, and that the kind of inner city corner sites it prefers are the province of the crack-crazed mugger. Sales were minimal, security costs astronomical.

In this country, the concept that worked in the South-east did not transplant to less prosperous areas. City executives may overpay for the convenience of picking up a pair of tights on the way into work, but the average housewife fights her way into J Sainsbury. Significantly, only six of the 52 viable stores being kept open are outside London.

In its quest for new outlets, a drive that can fairly be blamed on City pressure for further growth, Sock Shop locked itself into rents at the top of the high street property market and then found that falling sales and profits were insufficient to cover its sky-high costs.

It was a classic late 1980s story — borrowings taken out at lower interest rates funded expansion that was never needed.

"She's probably not responsible for what's happened," remarked one City observer. "She was mainly involved in the product and marketing. I'm very sorry for her — but I'm not in the least bit sorry for him."

Martin Waller

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bears' picnic is over

A TOP City fund manager has predicted that the FT-SE 100 index could easily reach 3,000 — almost 700 points above yesterday's close — in 12 months and that the British stock market is finally breaking out of its bear phase. "It's now turning into a bull market," he said, confidently. Chatting amid the relaxed surroundings of Kingfisher's new traditional hospitality marquee at the Chelsea Flower Show, Richard Minors, who runs the British arm of Nomura Capital, the investment management arm of the all-powerful Japanese securities house — the biggest stock-broking firm in the world — said: "I know my views are somewhat unusual but the time to buy the UK market is when you no longer sleep easily in your bed at night, knowing that you are underweight. For me that happened about two and a half weeks ago. In hindsight, the time to have started buying the UK market was the day after the local elections." Speaking about the fund management division, Nomura had, he said, "been ticking money into the market all last week," and it would continue to do so. Aware that it is traditionally the foreign houses which "turn" markets, since domestic firms are often disadvantaged by being too close, he added: "It might ease back a little bit, just to pause for breath, but this market is basically going up." It sounds



"I see they are extending our shelf life..."

as if Minors is even out-bulling Nick Knight, equity strategist at Nomura Research Institute, who resolutely stuck to his bullish stance when all around him were bears.

DIY chair

IT MIGHT lack a certain academic ring, some say it even sounds a trifle comic. But Dr Rex Clark, of Leeds Business School — an autonomous part of Leeds Polytechnic — is nevertheless now to be officially known as "The B&Q Dean." B&Q, the DIY group owned by Kingfisher, is sponsoring the post for an undisclosed five-figure sum. Pondering on this new appointment, Jim Hodgkinson, chief executive of B&Q — after collecting yet another gold award for the company's garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, and its second successive award for the best garden in the show — admitted

Rattling forth

FUND raisers from the Royal Marsden, one of the foremost cancer hospitals in Europe, will be wending their way across the various trading floors of the City tomorrow in a bid to take their Cancer Fund Appeal closer to its £25 million target. And in tracking down the right exchanges — which will include Liffe, Lloyd's, the Baltic and the LME — they have been ably assisted by their appeal director, Richard Duncan. For Duncan, aged 54, once worked in the Square Mile. Until he took early retirement two years ago, he ran the futures broking division at Cargill, the commodity trader. Duncan has also persuaded a certain Nigel Lawson to venture out

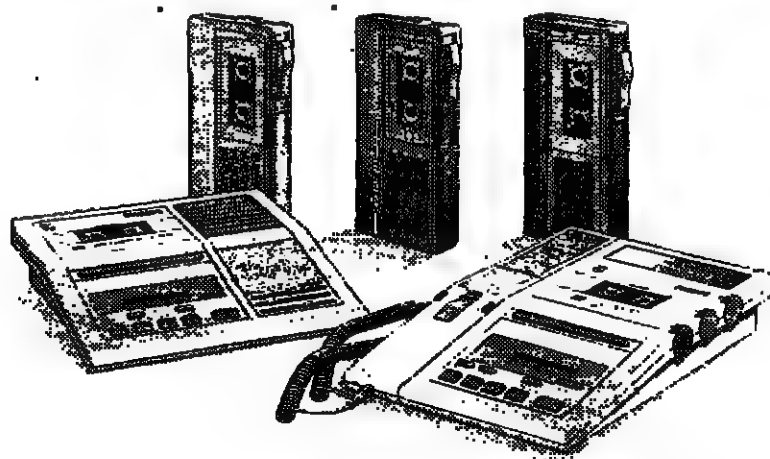
on the City streets, with a collection tin, albeit for a short while. What better man to extract money than a former Chancellor?

Big bank

THE new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development could be the best thing for yuppie economists since Big Bang. Unlike the jobs in the City goldrush of the mid-1980s, the new institution will have permanent posts backed by taxpayers of 40 countries, rather than dependent on the fluctuating demand of the market-place. But best of all, the salaries — expected to be up to £79,000 with perks which include first-class travel — will be tax-free since they are classified as international civil servants. For the established cadre of development economists, the opening up of Eastern Europe has been a prayer answered. Sated with the problems of Latin America, Africa and poorer Asia, the chance of a new intellectual challenge is enticing. Compared with the difficulties of developing mixed economies for the Third World, converting whole economies from command systems into free markets is a challenge of a different order. The Treasury and, to a lesser extent, the Bank of England, which haemorrhaged badly before Big Bang, could soon see another outflow of talent. In short, the mandarins of Great George Street may yet come to regret their success in attracting this new institution to London.

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New York	1.8250-1.8290	1.6910-1.6920	0.98-0.98	2.71-2.66	Argentina austral	8819.19-8925.08			
London	1.9583-2.0184	2.0157-2.0194	0.27-0.19	0.48-0.37	Australia dollar	2.2650-2.2690			
Frankfurt	3.1708-3.2100	3.1708-3.2100	1.00-1.00	1.00-1.00	Bahian dollar	1.6330-1.6415			
Russia	17.58-28.32	25.05-26.52	20-18	78-59	Brazil cruzeiro	68.388-69.559			
Paris	1.70-1.72	1.70-1.72	12-10	12-10	Cyprus pound	0.7675-0.7700			
Geneva	1.0718-1.1084	1.0337-1.0547	30-30	30-30	Costa Rican col.	2.75-2.77			
Amsterdam	2.9142-2.9256	2.9223-2.9256	1-1	4-4	Greece drachma	276.65-278.85			
Stockholm	2.42-2.44	2.42-2.44	1-1	4-4	Indian rupee	23.14-24.00			
Madrid	175.30-176.22	175.58-176.22	14-9	84-13	Israeli sheqel	18.90-19.40			
Osaka	268.33-270.51	267.01-267.41	7-5	17-14	Kuwait dirham	40.29-40.96			
San Francisco	2.07-2.08	2.08-2.08	3-3	14-14	Lebanese pound	2.00-2.00			
London	5.4337-5.5123	5.4188-5.5124	2-1	11-11	Mexico peso	37.25-37.45			
Geneva	10.2419-10.2914	10.2585-10.261	2-1	8-5	New Zealand dollar	2.015-2.0313			
Amsterdam	1.58-1.59	1.58-1.59	1-1	4-4	Philippine peso	2.00-2.00			
Paris	19.80-19.98	19.88-19.88	11-10	33-30	S. Africa rand (fin)	3.1303-3.1393			
Stockholm	2.3878-2.4002	2.3878-2.4002	1-1	9-9	S. Africa rand (ind)	3.06-3.08			
London	4.45-4.46	4.45-4.46	1-1	9-9	S. Africa rand (ind)	4.4510-4.5010			
Amsterdam	1.58-1.59	1.58-1.59	1-1	4-4	S. A. dirham	6.1700-6.2500			
Osaka	268.33-270.51	267.01-267.41	7-5	17-14					

Canada	1.8620-1.8639	Denmark	0.3629-0.3673	Italy	1.2210-1.2248
Hongkong	1.8526-1.8536	W Germany	1.6710-1.6717	Belgium (Com)	34.41-34.40
India	2.0520-2.0527	Switzerland	0.7263-0.7263	Hong Kong	7.00-7.00
Australia	1.3054-1.3071	Netherlands	0.8785-0.8795	Portugal	10.47-10.47
Canada	1.1845-1.1855	France	0.6250-0.6300	Spain	104.10-104.20
Norway	0.0710-0.0760	Japan	151.60-151.70	Austria	11.75-11.76
Sweden	6.0710-6.0760				
Norway	5.6700-6.4550				

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GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: \$384.00-388.00 (€227.00-230.00)
Kruggerand: \$373.00-376.00 (€220.50-222.50)
Mapleleaf: \$384.00-389.00 (€227.00-230.00)

PRECIOUS METALS
 1990 - Agreed rates May 26, 1990 to June 25, 1990 -
 Items I: 15.94 per cent. Scheme II & III: 16.49 per cent.
 Reference rate March 31, to April 30 1990 -
 Items IV & V: 15.247 per cent.
 Platinum pm fnc \$497.95 (\$294.00)
 Palladium pm fnc \$120.70 (\$71.40)
 Spot Silver: \$5.17-5.19 (£3.055-3.070)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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LONDON FORT			LONDON METAL EXCHANGE			
Ad to city style	COCOA	AMT Futures May 988-922 Mar 985-885 May 1018-1016 Jul 1038-1028 Oct 1058-1058	Official prices/volume previous day		Rudolf Wolff	
			(Copper)	Cash	3 months	Vol
	COFFEE	AMT Futures Jan 988-927 Mar 985-878 May 987-665 Nov 988-679	Common Gals A Lead	1603.0-1504.0 485.00-485.00	1508.0-1508.0 474.00-485.00	434625 51400
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52.50			Tin	6390-8400	6500-6510	51400
53.00			Aluminum H*	1524.0-1538.0	1500-1515	Firm
53.50			Nickel	8375-8380	8440-8450	Easy
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Small, friendly investment management company is looking for a Secretary to join its marketing department. Plenty of scope for involvement so a team player is essential. Fagmaker and/or Word exp. are vital. There's every opportunity for you to grow with the company.

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Applicants should be well educated, have secretarial skills of at least 100/60 wpm and preferably have had previous experience of working in a partnership, although specific legal experience is not necessary.

There will be some unsocial hours and occasional weekend working. Preferred age 30+. Salary c£17,000 + bonus + good benefits.

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A varied, responsible permanent

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Required for international trading company dealing with the Far East.

The work will cover all general office administration work, including short-hand, audio-typing, own-composition, telephone, telex, fax, filing and some receptionist duties. The successful candidate will have scope for progress, ultimately becoming involved with contractual, banking and export shipping documentation as well as researching their own sales enquiries and preparing quotations.

This is a demanding role for a competent PA who is willing to become a committed member of a hard-working team. The position offers scope for personal advancement for the applicant who is prepared to take on greater responsibilities as they become familiar with the workings of the company.

Candidates must have a strong command of English language, up to A-level standard, good O-level mathematics, and a sound knowledge of all secretarial and office procedures. Spoken and/or written Mandarin would be an advantage, though certainly not essential. Candidates are expected to be neatly presented, well-spoken and strictly non-smokers.

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Exciting new position to use your French & business fully involved working as part of

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You should be well spoken with a good telephone manner, be articulate and have the personality to deal tactfully but firmly with all contacts in a sales environment. Experience of organising a large number of appointments, travel itineraries and recognised secretarial training are prerequisites. Minimum current shorthand/typing skills of 100/50 wpm are also required.

If you would like to be considered for this position then please telephone 071 387 9494 ext. 5286 for an application form or alternatively send your CV detailing relevant experience to the Personnel Department, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9LL to reach us by no later than the closing date of Friday 1st June 1990.

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TABLE TENNIS

A battle of man against nature

Neither ground of appeal found favour with their Lordships and the application for leave to appeal against conviction was refused.

Zoman in demand for Derby

Shavian is a half-brother to one Ascot Gold Cup winner, Pacan, while Regimental Arms, the only other runner in today's field, is a half-brother to another, Gildarrow. It remains to be seen whether either of them can match Digression's American blend of speed and stamina. I have my doubts.

So Digression is taken to trigger off a double for Fulbrough, a double to be completed by Cacoethes, who is napped to win the Festival Stakes.

Last season, Cacoethes was seen at his best when winning at Brighton and Lingfield in the spring and when he was runner-up to Nashwan and his stable companion, Ille De Cyrrus at Ascot and York in the year. In that sort of form, he should prove capable of conceding weight away all round this afternoon.

Blinkered first time

BOOKMAKERS: 4-10 Besta Row.

ZOMAN, runner-up to Linamix who won the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp last year, attracted support yesterday from 10-1 to 6-1 with Ladbrokes for Derby.

The Affirmed colt, who has one win from two races, was reported to be in good order.

"We will not be giving him a racecourse gallop," said Paul Cole, who has been working well at home."

Other Derby news concerning Digestion, a runner in today's Predominate Stakes at York.

Digestion, trained by Peter Gosling, had a very tentative start from 4-1 to 7-2 with Hills. The same firm also rock Hopper from 6-1 to 5-1.

In the afternoon, the impressive victory of the Muscadier Stakes at York last Tuesday, lines up for Saturday's Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh with Steve Curren in the saddle.

"There are two weeks between the races and it's possible that he could go for the Oaks," reported Col Hill.

THE 14-year-old entries for the Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas, to be followed, are:

Ambrose, Anne Laurie, Slack And Bitch, Arcturion, Black Knight, Blue Bird, Caladon, Needy Thrift, Performing Arts, Redoubt, Rock Of Gibraltar, Tarnish, The Currier, Wedding Bells.

By JACK WATERMAN

IT WAS sunshine and champagne all the way for Willie Carson at Salisbury yesterday when he drove Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Kawtuban home in triumph. The 4-year-old became only the fourth jockey to ride 3,000 winners in this country.

Sir Gordon Richards, who has special affection for this picturesque course and who leads the overall records ahead of Lester Piggott, Doug Smith and Carson himself, would certainly not have bet against any the 47-year-old Scot eventually reached his career milestone.

Kawtuban, made 2-1 favourite, had jumped off quickly but Carson settled him down before the leaders as Jagjet made the running. But at halfway it was evident that the five times champion was going to show his class. He was able to slip the traffic problem. In his typical, driving fashion, Carson got to work and found a passage to the outside.

When, then, on the 3,000-mark was in no doubt, Ridden past the top-weight Star Hill with just over a furlong to go, Kawtuban and Carson were a triumphant three lengths clear at the line.

Armstrong riding academy, he said: "In fact, I almost never made it at all. I was only a few days at the Catterick and then I was 'grounded' for two months by Sam and it was Les Hall who really started me again."

Of all the 3,000 winners which were sent to the Catterick, Armstrong nominated his 2,000 Crisp and Derby winner of 1989, Nashwan. "Although," he said, "I don't want to forget Habibi and Arrow. Now, I don't know if Troy seems to get pushed into the background these days. But Nashwan was a true champion. He was a champion in the sense that a complete horse one who could win at any distance."

And, as ever, he ended with a quip. Asked what was his best plane ride, he turned from the weighing room steps with a huge laugh, appropriate to the occasion. "The one I didn't have, because (in reference to the plane) when I landed I was on my hands and knees with my wheels up."

Before and after this pleasant and amusing history hour, however, John Williams and David Elsworth were not to be outdone in a share of the afternoon's honours. They completed a 1000m time trial with a 1000lb weight at 13-8 for the Bishopstone Handicap and

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4094	(1)	REGIMENTAL	14 (F) Waddell (H Waddell) H Caci 8-12		W Ryan	80
4095	(2)	21-1	SHAVMAN 24 (F) Lord (Hess de Waddell) H Caci 8-12		W Ryan	80
4096	(1)	94-23	SILCA AIR MEY 20 (Aldridge Racing Ltd) D Elaworth 8-12		J Williams	79

BETTING: 10-11 Disgrassion, 5-2 Razeman, 4-1 Elmasoud, 5-1 Shawien, 12-1 Regimental Arms, 14-1 Silca
 Air Key.

market on the strength of his win of Bridle Tryst 1st in the group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to firm). However, has to overcome a lengthy absence and concede 6lb to four of his rivals.

SHAMBAH, best 100 Wt 10lb in a listed race at Newmarket (1m, good) on 19/12/90. He is a specialist for the 100 Wt 10lb race, but in the 2,000 Guineas last time out. **RAZZER**, a full brother to last year's winner Wersham, is held in high regard

(1m, good). **REDIMENTAL ARMS** confirmed presence of debut effort when beating **CHAMBER** 15/1 at Chester (1m 25yd, good), can improve further. **SHAVIAN** is bound to be sealed by this longer trip after a highly creditable 15/1 start to Trol in the Craven Stakes (1m 25yd, good) on 19/12/90. **SHAW** is a newcomer here and is the form selection. **SILCA** **ARMY** over 71/30 to Lord Chamber at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) last time out.

501	(1)	3615-6	MILITARY SHOT 18 (P) (Mrs S St George) G Prichard-Gordon 9-7	Field	87
502	(2)	6105-9	REGAL THATCH 19 (P) (Jr Olney) G Britain 9-12	M Roberts	88
503	(3)	5289-5	SMAGGLE 23 (P) (G Luchetti) M Tompkins 9-11	R Cochrane	91
504	(4)	3875-8	WOCKLEY 21 (P) (Mrs J Henson) 5-5	W Henson	92
505	(7)	8524-6	NEVOKE 272 (P) (Mr Abdullah) B Hills 4-4	Pan Eddery	93
506	(8)	3330-0	MILLPILLS 164 (P) (M Lawrie) R Simpson 5-4	S Whitworth	98
507	(9)	603-6	PHI-SCALE 37 (P) (Reading) G Morgan 9-9	R Hills	99
508	(10)	6-9-9	NEAL 6 (P) (Mrs J D Esworth) 7-10	De Esworth	100
509	(10)	499-0	BROWN CARPET 14 (P) (Dr Rosario) G Lewis 7-8	S Gibson	98
NOTES: 1-3 Woodhouse Heath, 4-1 Phil-Steel, 11-2 Minto Shot, Millpills Lake, 1-8 Struggle, 10-1 Foxe, 10-1 Regal Thatch, 25-1 Brown Carpet, 25-1 Brown Carpet, 25-1 Brown Carpet, 25-1 Brown Carpet.					
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Nottingham (6, 1m) last season, striped with promise when 3:14.50 to upset Great Kats on Newmarket (7, 1m) today.

REAR-UP MATCH leads a drop in class after finishing down the field behind El Paso at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) and has claims judged on winning form at York (7, 1m to firm) last season. **WOODHOUSE MEATH** could make no impression on easy winner.

THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO RACES ON THE CARD that would suit what is 4:40 to Las Aris at Fallowfield (5, good) last October. **PHIL-ELAINE** made good last season when 13:70 of 15 to the last in the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) and appears at Kempton (1m, 2p). **Males** handcap could find today. **BEAU ROSE** has shown little in three outings so far but is a half-brother to smart 7-year-old **Pink House** and is probably capable of better.

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2	(5)	2275-36	ELAPSE 22 (F) R Sanger	B Hills 5-5	Pat Eideley	\$89
3	(6)	4-2	BELFORT RULER 12 (S) Gubby	Ld 8 Gubby 0-0	W Newman	\$1
4	(1)	8	CAYMAN BRAC 18 (S) Khaled	H Caci 9-0	S Casmith	—
5	(4)	00-5	FAULTLESS SPEECH 58 (S) Goffing	G Lewis 9-0	B Rowe	78
6	(7)	21	DEW DART 14 (S) Goffing	—	R Patten	0
7	(2)	00-	VICTORIA PRINCESS 198 (N) Crapp	C Elwy 8-0	A Munro	—

SETTING: 2-1 Chiboy, 9-4 Elapac, 4-1 Cayman Rac, 13-2 Belfort Ruler, 10-1 Gusty Gully, 14-1 Faultless Speech, 20-1 Victoria Princess.

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4	PF2-54	SANDER 11-11-9 Miss A	Miss A	10-12-6	P Hamner	7	86
5	PF1P	TUDON FAN 77R (S) (H) Hewitt	J Hewitt	10-12-6	P Hewitt	7	87
6	SP2-25	VIMCO 27 (CJ) Miss C Phillips	Miss C Phillips	10-12-6	C Thomas	7	87
7	50P	CELTIC PRINCES 47R (H) Price	R Price	10-12-6	Miss A Sheppard	7	87
8	SETBACK 11-8	WHY 26, 50, VIMCO, 51	R Hansen	10-12-6	11-8 Walk in Rhyme	10-1	87
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5	040222	BOLDY BRAYLE 16 (BPP, P Granger)	R Branning 5-1-3		W Woods	74
6	002380	LANDING RULER 18 (Miles M Prosser)	P Pritchard 4-10-12		J O'Neill	65
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BETTING: 7-4 Majestic Run, 11-4 Royal Banner, 9-2 Major Player, 6-1 Highland Chain, 9-1 Fox Me,
12-1 Mister Jolly, 14-1 others.
1989: LITTLE HIPPER 4-10-7 R Bellamy (6-1) D Nicholson 17 ran

MICHAEL Kinane, Ireland's champion jockey, who partnered Tirol in his 2,000 Guineas triumph at Newmarket, is hoping to add to his classic haul on Saturday when he rides *The Caretaker* in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh.

Kinane missed out on another winning ride on Tirol in last Saturday's Irish 2,000 Guineas after being claimed to partner Lotus Pool for his retained trainer, Dermot Weld.

Lotus Pool finished third behind Tirol, but there was no trace of complaint in Kinane's reaction. "I'm contracted to Mr

But he hopes for swift recompense with The Caretakers who made a pleasing reappearance by winning the Derrinstown Stud 1,000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown earlier this month. "I'm sure he hadn't really come to herself, but we had to race her to try and bring her forward," he said.

But it will be no easy task against Heart Of Joy, runner-up to Salsabil at Newmarket three weeks ago. "The Stoute filly looks pretty good, they drew a long way away from the others," he said. "Newmarket, she's nerved."

It was with *The Caretaker* that he made international headlines last year, winning the *Cartier Million* before storming to victory in the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe* on Carroll House, 24 hours later.

Reflecting on that glorious week in his memoir, he said: "It was great to get international recognition. I was just hoping, after last year, to get an early classic winner this season to follow it up. And it's been a dream start."

This, like so much of this essentially modest man, is an understatement. He is blessed with an ice-cold temperament and relishes the challenge of a classic battle ahead. "Sure, you're always a little bit nervous," he said. "But I enjoy the

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WJ 4 (1m ad), 1. MARYLAND WILLIE (J. Adams, 4-1); 2. High Plains (T. Quinn, 10-1); 3. The Chief (M. Cochrane, 8-1); 4. ALSO RAN: 9-4 live Harlequin (S. J., 11-4 Farm Street; 9-4 live Duke's Duet (J., 11-4); 10-1 live Desert Western, 36 You Just Don't, 31, 31, 11; 1-4 D. Elsworth at Whistbury; Train: 24-30; 11-40, 23-50, 21-50, 21-50. DR: 121.80. CDF: 244.38, 2min 32.85sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

253 (7T), 1. SANAWA (B House, 6-1 fav); 2. Palford (N Adams, 7-1); 3. Hard Salt (J. Williams, 7-1); 4. Supreme Defender (P. Adams, 10-1); 5. The Chief (M. Cochrane, 10-1); 6. Sheldra's Pet, Money Love, 16 Sky Cloud, Love Prince (S. J., Madam Jane, 11 Queen Pier, Lady Gemini, 25 Spot On 11-4); 7. The Chief (M. Cochrane, 10-1); 8. Golden Selma, Jomana, Pascual Gold Card, Glen, 50 Meads Brow, 20 rim. 74, 41, 41, 41, 41, 41. C. Boreased at

By PAUL WHEELER

If God is a racing man, Kinane was probably destined to be a jockey. His three brothers, Tommy Jr., Joe and Paul, are all jump jockeys and his father, Tommy, rode Monkfield to win the Champion Hurdle in 1978, the same year that he was champion apprentice. In 1979, he became apprentice Flat champion.

It was in 1982 that he first tasted classic glory with the Liam Browne-trained Daro Monarch who, as a 20-1 chance, won the Irish 2,000 Guineas. And to prove that was no fluke, the pair went on to take the St James's Palace Stakes.

Two years later Kineane took up the offer as first jockey with Dermot Weld. Six seasons have yielded six jockeys' championships, including a record 105 victories in 1985.

Kineane, aged 30, is one the most wanted men in Europe. In a sport where success makes climbing Everest look easy, he is sitting on top of the mountain.

The success has also brought speculation about him joining one of the top yards in this country. But it is a thought he seems reluctant to come to terms with. "I don't know," he said with a trace of a grimace.

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Contact Keweenaw, 100 Denham House. 12

"It's something I keep pushing away from my mind. I've got a good job with Mr Weld, and there are only about three jockeys in England that ride more winners in a season than I do."

Home and family for Kinnear within 23 lush acres of Co. Kildare and he feels that his wife, Catherine, and two daughters, Sinead and Aisling, must come first. "I'm very happy at home, and my family life is very good. You've got to be happy what you're doing, and it's a question of would I be happy in England?"

But his hand may eventually be forced by the Republic's

crippling taxation levels, which in his case stand at 56 per cent. "It's a pretty heavy burden, and coming on top of a big dividend," he said. "It's only a short career so you've got to look to the future and make plans for it."

Along with the success has come sufficient financial rewards to allow Kinane to take something of a winter break at home, rather than making the annual trek back to his native Ireland. "I'm only absent about 3½ weeks at home. I was riding in Japan and then had a holiday afterwards. In the early years going to India was a necessity because I couldn't afford not to ride for three or four months."

God is one of Kinnane's recreations. He numbers among his friends Christy O'Connell, who has written a memoir of his brother's two-year stint at the eighteenth hole which helped Europe to retain the Ryder Cup at the Belfry last year. "It was fantastic, and for anybody that knows Christy it was a moment to capture," I think I was as emotional as he was."

But for a man regarded by many as a perfectionist, business still holds sway for Kinnane. "I used to watch a lot of early hours of races, but now I don't do that," he said. "I'll do a fair bit now." "The day you stop thinking you're not going to get better is the day you start declining," he said, adding, with what seemed

two meetings

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5	16	18.8	17	57	17.5
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The England captain prepares for the summer's campaign with a warning not to underestimate the touring New Zealanders

Gooch unswerving in the quest for glory

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Graham Gooch's most agreeable characteristics is his solid sense of perspective. Feed him a line of hyperbole and he will treat you to a withering put-down. Today, as England resume the high-speed international circuit after the briefest of pit stops, Gooch's personality has a positive virtue.

It is precisely five weeks since England completed their Caribbean tour. The ink is barely dry on the scorebook of a series which might have ended predictably, but contained much which was dramatically different. Gooch came home with his stock at an all-time high and now, as he is aware, the nation expects.

Having come so close to an unthinkable victory over the West Indies, New Zealand will present no problem. Or so the

popular theory has it. Moreover, there will be many who anticipate this week's two Texaco Trophy internationals, of 55 overs a side, giving a reliable forerunner of the three-Test series to come.

Gooch, mercifully, will have none of this. Seated yesterday, sipping tea beneath the cathedral in Worcester, he presented a more confident and relaxed figure than of old. The ghosts of political pressure and public misconceptions have been exorcised.

He is batting better than ever and loving every surprising minute as captain of Essex and England. Yet with life so rosy, those plodding feet stay firmly on the ground. "I am sure expectations will be higher this summer," he admitted. "Fair enough, because we did well in the West Indies. But one win and a couple of good performances don't count for much. "We cannot say we are



Gooch: Batting at his best

really making progress until we start to win regularly. We still have a long way to go and we have to move forward this summer."

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

England batting and fielding										New Zealand batting and fielding									
M	INO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Cent	St	Wkts	M	INO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Cent	St	Wkts
PA J DeFreitas	33	12	342	31.7	10	12	—	—	—	M J Bracewell	53	43	151	15.1	—	7	19	—	—
N H Fairbrother	11	2	232	54.2	7	2	—	—	—	J J Crowe	53	71	152	28.7	—	7	27	—	—
G A Gooch	81	79	4	30.6	143.1	14	7	18	30	M D Crowe	90	67	270	106.3	3	19	37	—	—
D J Smith	105	6	4	20.0	163.8	23	11	4	4	T J Franklin	3	3	0	27	21	9.0	—	—	
E E Hemmings	24	6	4	12	4	6.0	—	—	—	M J Grootenboer	24	3	581	84	27.6	—	—	—	
A J Lamb	95	10	18	32.4	118.4	29	4	20	25	R J Hadlee	113	36	16	178	29	5.2	—	—	
W Llewellyn	18	1	0	42	124.2	11	—	—	—	A H Jones	35	35	1458	43	27.2	—	—	—	
C C Lewis	3	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	J P Maloney	3	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	
D H Pinnock	25	20	8	33.9	49	23.25	—	—	—	D K Morrison	22	8	3	24	0	4.8	—	—	
R C Russell	13	10	5	89	28.28	56	—	—	—	M W Pringle	42	41	1028	73	27.78	—	—	—	
G C Small	27	18	5	55	18	6.57	—	—	—	I D S Smith	71	54	843	62	14.28	—	—	—	
R A Smith	16	15	3	449	81	37.41	—	—	—	N C Snedden	38	18	8	14	15.28	—	—	—	
A J Stewart	11	9	1	153	81	16.83	—	—	—	S A Thomson	6	5	18	8	4.50	—	—	—	
										J G Wright	125	124	1	3348	101	27.22	—	—	
Bowling										Bowling									
PA J DeFreitas	2857	1707	55	23.43	3.81	4-35	—	—	—	J Crowe	2814	1883	37	50.26	4.51	2-3	—	—	—
G A Gooch	1574	1180	29	40.68	4.49	3-19	—	—	—	M J Bracewell	1447	1617	27	37.22	4.21	2-3	—	—	—
D J Smith	1104	39	26.03	4.25	4-12	—	—	—	—	J J Crowe	1144	813	23	50.66	4.26	2-3	—	—	—
E E Hemmings	1200	671	30	40.63	4.49	3-19	—	—	—	M D Crowe	2144	1863	37	50.26	4.51	2-3	—	—	—
A J Lamb	6	3	0	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	R J Hadlee	8050	3327	154	21.00	3.80	5-25	—	—	—
W Llewellyn	12	2	0	2.00	—	—	—	—	—	D K Morrison	1056	982	31	33.11	4.14	4-33	—	—	—
C C Lewis	72	35	1	65.00	5.41	1-30	—	—	—	J P Maloney	1320	154	20	30.80	4.30	2-22	—	—	—
D H Pinnock	1367	1034	23	44.95	4.44	3-21	—	—	—	K Rutherford	1085	986	32	29.51	4.14	4-33	—	—	—
R C Russell	420	143	23	38.25	4.50	4-31	—	—	—	N C Snedden	276	276	27	38.00	3.18	3-18	—	—	—
D E Malcolm	has not played in one-day internationals.									K Rutherford	1056	986	32	29.51	4.14	4-33	—	—	—
										N C Snedden	4519	2226	114	28.37	4.29	4-34	—	—	—
										S A Thomson	276	276	27	38.00	3.18	3-18	—	—	—
										J G Wright	24	8	0	2.00	—	—	—	—	—

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On England's first opponents, Gooch is equally stoical. "They are not a mug side, that's for sure. They have a good recent record in Test

cricket and their batting looks particularly strong."

So will the England captain be treating these two matches as preparation for the Tests?

"Not at all. I see them as a separate entity which has nothing whatever to do with Test cricket."

What Gooch was transmitting is this. Look neither back nor forward this week. What you will see, at Headingley today and the Oval on Friday, owes little to the West Indian winter and has no bearing at all on the New Zealand summer.

England's ambition, under Gooch, is a renaissance at Test level and one-day games, when they appear on the schedule, must be treated as exactly what they are. Something different.

There are those playing today who might be troubled by that description, failing to perceive anything very different in this round of overs cricket from their last. No fewer than six among the two teams have already played upwards of 90 such internationals.

Even Martin Snedden, scarcely a household name outside the city of Auckland, will be appearing in his 94th match today, provided he

passes a late fitness test. Oddly enough, it is Snedden who will have one of the key roles. New Zealand's one-day record is not good — their only win in this country came four years ago in Leeds, when England played wretchedly — and if they are to compete, their bowling will need far more discipline than has been evident so far.

Richard Hadlee, it need hardly be said, will rise to the occasion but so too will Snedden, in his tidy, unassuming way. This pair, apart, as Gooch may well have discovered when he asked his county coach, Keith Fletcher, to watch the tourists for him last week, the bowling is not designed to inhibit stroke-play.

New Zealand's strength is their batting, likely to be led off by the captain, John Wright, and Andrew Jones, who has made 16 fifties in 36 internationals.

Speight in forefront of revival for Sussex

By JACK BAILEY

HOVE: Sussex (3pts) drew with Glamorgan (8)

A MAGNIFICENT maiden century from Martin Speight and a strong performance in a supporting role by Colin Wells were at the heart of the Sussex revival, which earned them a draw after they had followed on 180 runs behind Glamorgan.

Sussex were never quite in a position to set Glamorgan a realistic chase, especially not with Richards ready and waiting, and there were relatively easy pickings for Moores and Pigott as evening drew near.

Speight, Dodemaide and Wells were there when the going was tough and Sussex far from in the clear. Glamorgan still had a spring in their stride, although by lunch their steps were getting shorter. The dismissal of Dodemaide after a staunch innings had proved a false dawn.

Speight, his appetite for runs still voracious, had passed his 100; Wells had been aggressive from the start, laying into Cowley with relish, and Sussex were 37 runs in credit.

Just six overs into the afternoon came a crucial moment, following which Glamorgan's tails drooped noticeably. Frost moved a ball away from Wells, who had just reached 100. Wells flashed. Metson took the ball cleanly and went up in the same motion, and all Glamorgan went up with him. There was a pause. Umpire White declined to agree with Glamorgan's feelings, Wells was unmoved and the game went on. Glamorgan plainly felt their last real chance, if chance it was, had gone.

So it proved. For although Speight finally succumbed for 181, in which beautifully timed leg-side strokes and square cover-driving brought his most of his 20 fifties, and Wells was out six runs short of his first century for two years, Sussex were coasting, and the way was clear for some savagery of indifferent bowling.

Speight batted for six hours in this match for 191 runs. It was a brave performance, given with a damaged leg and with a runner. Jamie Hall, in his first match, he spent six hours and 40 minutes in the middle and made 15 runs. He also deserves to take a bow.

Stephenson's final burst earns slim victory in last over

By RICHARD STREETON

they put on 68 in 11 overs, and Warwickshire were back on course.

When they were dismissed in successive overs, though, it left 45 still wanted from seven overs. Humpage failed to beat a return from Johnson at deep backward square-leg; Reeve holed out to deep mid-wicket. Lloyd, who had not fielded earlier because of a pulled hamstring, batted with a runner and it was Smith who looked more assertive.

Smith, the man who clinched the NatWest Trophy final last year with a six, hit Hemmings for a massive six over the pavilion stand before Warwickshire's last five wickets tumbled. Lloyd was run out when Asif Din, his runner, failed to respond for a sharp single; Small was caught behind first ball in the same over by Pick.

Stephenson next had Smith caught at extra cover by Robinson, who tumbled over but came up with the ball. It meant 15 were required from the last two overs and this shrank to seven from the last. Donald on-drove Stephenson for a single, and nothing was scored from the next before Stephenson unleashed yorkers to shatter the stumps of Benjamin and Munton.

The Nottinghamshire innings before lunch continued the rather featureless pattern set in Monday's play. Johnson and played several crisp strokes to reach 73, but everyone else

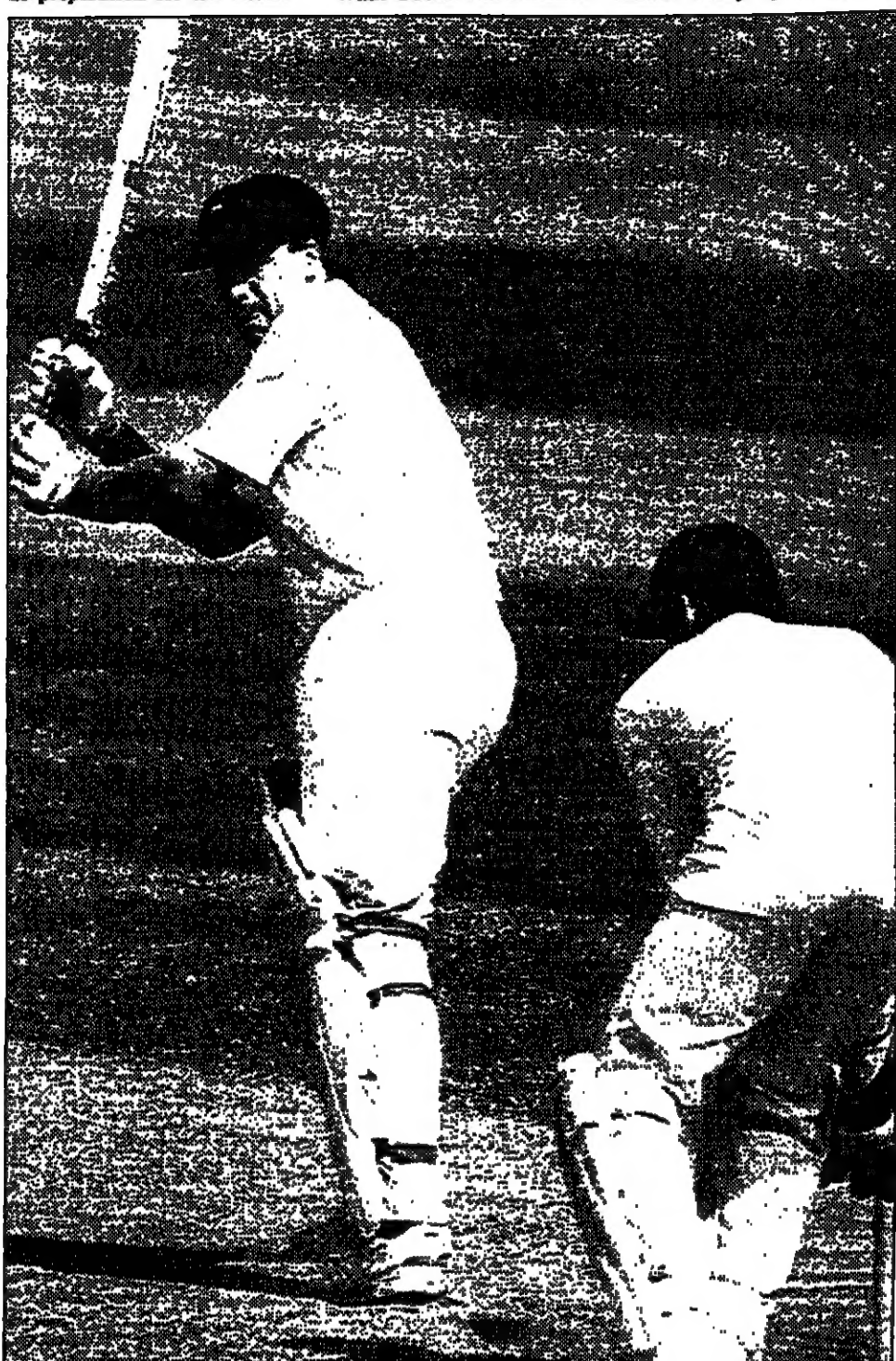
rather meandered and wickets kept falling.

In addition to Lloyd, Donald was unable to take part because of a calf strain and Reeve also could not bowl due to a groin strain. Small gained an important success in his second over when he had Robinson leg-before. Johnson went on to complete an attractive fifty before he lost impetus. He had hit 10 fours when he lifted a drive against Munton to deep extra cover.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 303 for 5 dec (S C Broad 115, D J R Marillonde 73).
Second Innings
S C Broad c Reeve b Benjamin 30
D J R Marillonde lbw b Munton 10
D H Robinson lbw b Small 47
P Johnson c Benjamin b Munton 19
D W Randall lbw b Benjamin 17
M Saxby c Asif Din b Smith 12
F D Stephenson c Mole b Smith 12
T S French not out 25
S E Hemmings not out 25
Extras (D S, W 2, nb 2) 15
Total (7 wickets dec) 252

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 252 (G W Humpage 74).
Second Innings
A J Lamb c Cooper 35
Asif Din lbw b Hemmings 58
A J Lamb c Hemmings b Hemmings 58
G W Humpage run out 28
D A Reeve c Saxby b Hemmings 28
M K Smith c Robinson b Stephenson 10
T A Lloyd run out 10
G C Small c French b Pick 10
A Donald not out 45
J E Benjamin b Stephenson 10
T A Munton b Stephenson 10
Extras (D S, W 1, nb 1) 10
Total 298

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-120, 3-185, 4-252, 5-252, 6-284, 7-285, 8-287, 9-288.
BOWLING: Pick 11-0-55-1; Cooper 16-3-65-1; Stephenson 14-4-68-5; Hemmings 24-10-103-4.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and A J Jones.



Happy hunting: Morris hits his second hundred of the match as Derbyshire beat Somerset yesterday. His 105 was Morris's fourth century at Taunton this month

Essex relish their chance to put the record straight

By ALAN LEE

WORCESTER (final day of three): Essex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by 10 wickets SEVERAL hours later than had seemed likely, but still with great relish and certainty, Essex completed a notable victory over the team who narrowly out-stayed them to win last year's county championship.

On the face of it, this result indicates that the tables will look very different this time around. The evidence, however, is purely circumstantial. Essex dictated this game from the start; Worcestershire bowled abysmally on day one, and batted diffidently on day two. They remain too good a side to make a habit of it.

Essex, however, do have that mean look about them, which usually accompanies a sequence of wins and a sidebar of trophies. They remain plagued that last year's title was effectively decided by a points deduction and, if Foster and Pringle can stay fit through a daunting quota of overs, they may put things right this year.

This was their first win of the season. It was also their first three-day fixture, a tradition they have fought to retain.

They are, however, anxious to dispel the notion that they are

intransigent towards change. Doug Insole, the Essex chairman, said yesterday that the club is not against four-day cricket, if the authorities can come up with a suitable programme. That, certainly, is the wish of Graham Gooch, who has stated his view that four-day cricket favours the better sides and encourages better technique, if it can satisfy all other considerations.

Three days, however, was almost one too many for this match. It was played at high speed throughout, runs coming at 62 per hour, and the bravery of the 120-run stand for Worcestershire's ninth wicket proved that the pitch was not wholly to blame for their demise.

Finally, Dille, after his highest score for the county, fended a Foster bouncer to Gartham. Then Newport, entering the ninetieth second time in successive games and looking ever more a No. 5 than a No. 9, again missed his maiden century by a whisker, driving a return-catch to give Pringle his eighth wicket of the game, and departing in plain distress.

Essex needed only 45 and Gooch, in purple form, made 42

himself, including four consecutive fours from a dispirited Dille. Worcestershire suffered their first defeat in 11 championship games as the stroke of lunch.

ESSEX: First Innings 447 for 4 dec (M E Waugh 186 not out, G A Gooch 121, B R Harrell 89).
Second Innings
G A Gooch not out 42
M E Waugh not out 45
Extras (D S, W 1, nb 1) 34
Total (9 wickets dec) 298

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 273 (R K Illingworth 98, I T Bowness 53, T D Foster 47 for 7).
Second Innings
T S Curtis bow b Foster 2
M J Watson c Gooch b Foster 14
M A Nisles c Harrell b Pringle 5
I T Bowness bow b Pringle 5
D D O'Connell c Stephenson b Pringle 26
S R Lampson c Stephenson b Foster 1
R K Illingworth c Gooch b Foster 9
P R Llewellyn c Gooch b Foster 36
N V Radford c Gooch b Foster 48
G R Dille c Gartham b Foster 40
Extras (D S, W 4, nb 3) 26
Total 278

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-19, 3-21, 4-26, 5-32, 6-56, 7-66, 8-82, 9-202.
BOWLING: Foster 23-6-54-4; Pringle 24-1-42-5; Dille 6-1-44-1; Curtis 8-0-4-0; Illingworth 10-4-31-1; Bowness 10-4-31-1.
Umpires: B Dudson and P B Wright.

Brattian Assurance championship table

	P	W	L	T	pts
Nottingham	4	2	1	1	11
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	10
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	10
Hampshire	3	2	1	0	10
Lancashire	4	1	0	3	11
Glamorgan	17	4	1	12	37
Leeds	13	4	1	8	37
Essex	3	1	0	2	10
Northants	3	1	0	2	10
Somerset	14	3	1	10	34
Worcestershire	3	1	2	0	4
Sussex	10	3	1	6	28
Kent	13	3	2	8	28
Gloucestershire	3	1	0	2	10
Surrey	13	2	0	11	23
Gloucester	3	2	0	1	8
Yorkshire	16	2	0	4	8

(1889 positions in brackets)

Malcolm shows fine form

DEVON Malcolm, the England fast bowler, rediscovered his best form on a doctored pitch at Taunton and helped Derbyshire

to a 146-run victory over Somerset, moving them into third place in the Britannia Assurance county championship yesterday.

Malcolm took four for 88, his season's best, in dismissing the home side, who had been set 366 to win, for 219 in their second innings with 11.1 overs to spare. His hostile performance removed three of Somerset's three key batsmen: Cook and Tavaré were cheaply as they slumped to 25 for three, and then he claimed the wicket of Hardy for a gallant 91 — his best championship score since 1988 — in his second spell.

Earlier, Morris completed 109 from 159 nine balls with a six and 18 fours, his second century of the match and fourth at Taunton this month, while Krikken made a career best 77 not out.

Surrey held on to draw at the Oval after their opponents, Hampshire, were given a scent of victory by Chris Smith, who made 84, and Gower (69). Chasing 329 to win with 2½ hours plus 20 overs remaining, the Hampshire second-wicket pair put on 158, but four wickets kept the county and Hampshire settled for the draw.

Reticence request over Lord's stands

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE chairman of the company building the new stand at Lord's stadium, the secretary of MCC, Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, asking the club to refrain from making further comments to the Press about delays in the work.

In his letter, John Lelliot, chairman of the John Lelliot Group, claims that there has been a breach of confidentiality in matters "which are entirely of a contractual nature between us and the employer (MCC)".

The stands, at the Nursery End of the ground, were originally due to be finished by April 30, but, according to the latest estimates, the earliest they may be partly open for use is July 25, with a completion date of early October.

Lelliot points out that his company has considerable experience in building sports stadiums, and completed "in

record time" a new stand for Tottenham Hotspur FC. The company has just started work on a refurbishment of a stand at Arsenal's Highbury ground.

Meanwhile, the company has issued a High Court writ against the original sub-contractors on the Lord's project, Byrne Brothers, claiming almost £1 million for alleged non-fulfilment of their contract. Solicitors for Byrne Brothers said yesterday that a defence and counter-claim were served at the end of last week.

Nicholas all clear

MARK Nicholas, the Hampshire captain who dropped out of this side's match with Surrey this week, has been cleared to resume playing after a visit to the hospital for tropical diseases in London.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Somerset v Derby

TAUNTON (first day of three): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Somerset (8) by 148 runs. Derbyshire: First Innings 372 for 5 dec (M J Morris 122, C J Barnett 94, C J Adams 89).
Second Innings
J E Morris b Harrell 109
C J Adams c Burns b Rose 22
S R Lampson not out 77
P A Krikken not out 77
A P Krikken c Harrell b Cook 19
A E Warner bow b Cook 15
P D Bowler bow b Swallow 25
O H Morrison not out 4
Extras (nb 1, W 1, nb 2) 4
Total (5 wickets dec) 265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-51, 3-178, 4-201, 5-204, 6-248.

BOWLING: Jones 4-0-29-0; Rose 5-0-4-1; Llewellyn 2-1-5-0; Swallow 20-4-91-1; Rosebuck 12-3-23-1; Harrell 16-3-50-1; Tavaré 5-0-4-0; Cook 5-0-25-2; Burns 0-3-0-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings 272 for 4 dec (M J Harrell 90, R J Harrell 68 not out, C J Taylor 64).

Second Innings
S J Gooch c Adams b Malcolm 5
J E Harrell c sub b Malcolm 39
A N Hayhoe bow b Morrison 0
G J Tavaré c Krikken b Malcolm 42
R J Harrell c Morrison b Warner 42
M J Morris bow b Miller 13
P P Llewellyn at Krikken b Miller 13
I D Burns c Krikken b Barnett 10
G D Rose c Krikken b Malcolm 31
P P Llewellyn at Krikken b Miller 13
A N Jones not out 4
Extras (D S, W 1, nb 2) 2
Total 218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-7, 3-25, 4-118, 5-138, 6-153, 7-174, 8-201, 9-211.

BOWLING: Malcolm 7-0-25-1; Morrison 14-4-44-4; Miller 23-5-57-3; Warner 9-1-34-1; Barnett 10-14-1.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thomson.

Surrey v Hampshire

THE OVAL (first day of three): Surrey (24pts) beat Hampshire (8) by 148 runs. Surrey: First Innings 374 for 5 dec (D M Lewis 125 not out, G C Clinton 73).
Second Innings
A J Stewart not out 100
G C Clinton not out 37
M A Lyth c Gower b Shine 18
G P Thomas bow b Maru 17
D M Ward b Turner 23
A Grogan bow b Turner 15
K T Medcalf c Parks b Maru 8
M A Fotherham not out 4
Extras (D S, W 1, nb 2) 5
Total (5 wickets dec) 204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-111, 3-154, 4-188, 5-187.

BOWLING: Marshall 7-1-14-0; Shine 5-0-6-1; Grogan 5-0-3-0; Maru 10-4-27-2; Turner 14-3-4-0; C L Smith 1-0-0-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 260 for 4 dec (R A Smith 114 not out, C L Smith 71).

Second Innings
V P Tarry c Medcalf b M P Bicknell 0
C L Smith c Medcalf b Murphy 84
B L Jones c sub b M P Bicknell 74
R A Smith c Fotherham b M P Bicknell 1
M D Marshall not out 51
T C Middleton b Medcalf 25
D Parks not out 4
Extras (D S, W 1, nb 1) 5
Total (5 wickets) 238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-168, 3-161, 4-176, 5-187.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 15-3-38-3; Murphy 12-1-5-1; Medcalf 20-3-44-1; Fotherham 8-0-31-0; Lynch 9-0-12-0.

Umpires: P J Eale and J W Holder.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting and fielding
Qualification: 200 runs (avg 71.00)

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	M	1	NO	Runs	HS
N H Fairbrother	4	5	2	614	398
A R Good	3	5	1	584	218
B R Hinch	4	6	1	582	218
B R Hinch	4	6	4	234	74
S J Cook	5	8	3	573	313
R A Smith	4	4	1	340	181
D A Reeve	4	6	2	432	222
D M Ward	4	6	2	425	181
G A Hick	4	6	2	300	108
C J Gifford	5	6	1	290	108
D L Haynes	3	6	0	151	181
R J Harden	5	6	1	424	104
G D Mendis	4	6	1	506	113
P W G Parker	4	6	1	413	107
M E Waugh	3	4	1	248	166
M W Goring	3	5	2	237	87
D J Gooch	3	5	2	260	137
G D Rose	5	5	2	219	87
A J Stewart	4	7	2	357	100
I A Greg	4	5	0	355	291

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RUGBY UNION

Prospects assume a golden hue for an expectant Wales

From OWEN JENKINS, SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

Wales have been forced to make one change to the team for today's opening game of their six-match tour of Namibia. Keiron Gregory, the hooker, has withdrawn with a hamstring injury, and Kevin Phillips, the tour captain, steps in to the role.

King, the centre, retains the captaincy, since he was the original selection. Gregory's injury is not thought to be serious, and he will now rest for a day or so.

Phillips's inclusion brings to five the contingent of international players in the team. King, Bateman, the other centre, and Ford, the right winger, are the capped players among the backs. Both Phillips, Kevin and the flanker, Rowland, are the ones among the forwards.

Ron Waldron, the coach, has selected all the young players in the squad to give them some early experience. The season in Namibia is only two months old, but in the Swakopmund area, where the match is being played, only two competitive games have taken place because of trials for Namibia's matches against Zimbabwe and Portugal.

The Welsh team management will be happy with any sort of win, but they need a comfortable, if not comprehensive, victory to ensure the tour starts on a high note and to boost confidence. This would also create more competition for places, and serve to keep the players on their toes.

Waldron said: "We are going into the completely unknown. We have no idea of the strength of the opposition. The boys are looking forward to the game."

"I tend not to relate to local dialogue with respect to their own abilities, because anyone would be wise enough to play down their strengths. With these dry grounds out here, we might be able to do something; quite a few of the players are quite hungry. If we win, it will be the start of the climb back, the start of the development of Welsh rugby."

Overall, the Welsh side is an inexperienced one, although Ring, with 21, is the second most capped player on the tour. "There's a good atmosphere in the camp and we have had a lot of time to prepare for this game," Ring, who captains his country for the first time, said. "It is important for us to get together early on and get things off to a good start. If we win and win well, it will be a great boost, and it will make everyone feel good. Having the first crack at the whip gives us a chance to show them what we can do."

The match is being played at a country club some 10 miles inland from Swakopmund, on an oasis strip of a river bed. The pitch was not designed as a rugby field but a grass nursery for the local gold course. The surface is lush and springy, and will suit the Welsh players.

The invitation XV is considered to be the weakest opposition of the tour, but they do have seven players who represented the former South-West Africa region, and two current Namibian internationals. They should prove to be an awkward first obstacle for Wales.

Wales XV: Forwards: S Ford, M Ring (capt), A Bateman, S Rowland, A Phillips, K Phillips, P Knight, R Jones, G Lewis, P Arnold, O Williams, A Reynolds.

Romania face turning point against France

From CHRIS THAU, AUCH, FRANCE

ROMANIA is committed to expanding its game, and their national team's encounter against France in the Gascony capital of Auch tomorrow could be a turning point in the recent history of Romanian rugby. Romania has been given a clean bill of health by the French, and Romania regulars hope this game may provide them with a chance to make history on French soil.

"We must climb back to where we used to belong," Haralambie Dumitras, the Romanian captain, said. "The game is our chance." Theodor Radulescu, the coach, a former

international prop forward, has devised a strategy which, if successful, could give the Romanians the edge up front against the powerful French scrum.

There is only one change from the team who beat Italy 16-9 last month. Marian Dumitras, of Rapid Bucharest, is expected to replace Gelu Ignat, of Steaua Bucharest, at full back.

ROMANIA XV: Forwards: S Ford, M Ring (capt), A Bateman, S Rowland, A Phillips, K Phillips, P Knight, R Jones, G Lewis, P Arnold, O Williams, A Reynolds.

Lukic transfer to Leeds sets record

JOHN Lukic yesterday became Leeds' latest most expensive player when he completed his £1 million move from Arsenal. The goalkeeper, aged 29, signed a four-year contract on rejoining his former club after seven years at Highbury.

"It was an easy decision to make because the manager and directors at Leeds have aspirations to make this club successful," he said.

"I have fond memories of Arsenal but that is history now. I'm happy to be a Leeds player and I can emulate some of the success Arsenal have had during the last four years."

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, had mixed feelings about the move. "I feel delighted about paying £1 million because it is a lot of money," he said. "But that is the market price at the moment and you have to compete in the market place."

"It is the right fee for a top goalkeeper; they are the basis of a successful team."

"At 29, John is coming up to his best five or six years as a keeper. He will go on to help make Leeds a successful side."

Italians begin placing police in Sardinia

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP) — The first contingent of a 3,200-man anti-hooligan force arrived in the Sardinia island this week. The force, which will control Europe's most troublesome footballers during the initial matches of the World Cup here in June.

English and Dutch supporters, who have the worst reputation in football-related violence, will gather in Sardinia for the match between the national teams in Group F of the world competition on June 16.

England, the seeded team in the group, will play two other matches, against Ireland and Egypt, at Cagliari's Sant'Elia stadium.

Anti-riot policemen will be also on duty around the stadium during the match between the two teams.

McEnroe pulls out of Open

By ANDREW LONGMORE

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER weeks of speculation, John McEnroe has officially pulled out of the French Open, which starts next week. The organizers confirmed yesterday that the American, who has not played a tournament for the last three months, had reported he was not "physically fit enough" to play.

McEnroe has been troubled by a shoulder injury and has dropped out of the world top 10 after missing the whole of the European clay court season. His withdrawal removes the threat of a surprise return to Wimbledon, which was hanging over him after his disqualification from the Australian Open in January.

McEnroe only has to incur another \$1,000 (\$920 fine) to bring about his automatic suspension from the Grand Slam tournament. His fitness is now the only doubt about his preparation for Wimbledon.

Another American, Tim Mayotte, has withdrawn from the field, which will be considerably enhanced by the prospective return of Miloslav Mecir, of Czechoslovakia, after injury.

Devotees of doubles, meanwhile, will get their annual mid-winter reward at the Albert Hall, London, when teams from 20 countries, including Britain, will compete for the inaugural International Team Cup, from December 4 to 9.

The £133,136 round-robin event replaces the Masters Doubles, held at the Albert Hall for the past four years.

World Championship Tennis, the organizers, will finalize the names of the six teams in a few weeks, and the tournament director, Chris Wainwright, is confident he will be able to persuade the Masters champions, Patrick McEnroe and Jim Grabb, to return to the Albert Hall to represent the United States.

Other possible entries include the Davis Cup pairings of Henri Leconte and Guy Forget, from France, and Anders Jarryd and Jan Gunnarsson, from Sweden. The six teams will play each other once in a best-of-three set group match, the top two teams contesting the final.

Close attention: Pat Jennings (standing), the former Northern Ireland goalkeeper, takes advice on the green from his professional partner, Kim Thomas, in the charity ATP pro-am golf event at Stoke Poges yesterday

Forgotten player's birdies set blistering seaside pace

By JOHN HENNESSY

HAYDN Green, a forgotten man among professional golfers, sprang from nowhere to take a commanding lead in the PGA European Challenge, which starts next week. The 31-year-old, who has not played a tournament for the last three months, had reported he was not "physically fit enough" to play.

Green is 31, a tall and good-looking Yorkshireman, and it was an obvious career move for him to go into sports promotion. He has completed his first year, however, he has not yet begun his very first tournament.

The immediate results were disappointing. "I was terrible," he said, "and missed the cut with consummate ease." This was the first time he has realized it might be his day when he secured a birdie at the 1st (430 yards) after driving into a bunker. He picked the ball out with a seven-iron and holed from the edge of all 35 feet.

A third putt at the 6th caused his only dropped shot, for when, for the only time, he missed the green at the 10th (457 yards) he chipped and putted for his par-four.

For Curry "professional golf has been a wilderness," so much so that he has had misgivings about carrying on, but his sponsors have stood by him.

Curry made his score soon after the turn. From par, he went to three-under in two holes, with an eagle-three at the 12th and a birdie-three at the next.

Gillies was two over at the turn but came home in 31.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: H. Green, 64 (64); D. Curry, 65 (65); J. H. Green, 66 (66); J. H. Green, 67 (67); J. H. Green, 68 (68); J. H. Green, 69 (69); J. H. Green, 70 (70); J. H. Green, 71 (71); J. H. Green, 72 (72); J. H. Green, 73 (73); J. H. Green, 74 (74); J. H. Green, 75 (75); J. H. Green, 76 (76); J. H. Green, 77 (77); J. H. Green, 78 (78); J. H. Green, 79 (79); J. H. Green, 80 (80); J. H. Green, 81 (81); J. H. Green, 82 (82); J. H. Green, 83 (83); J. H. Green, 84 (84); J. H. Green, 85 (85); J. H. Green, 86 (86); J. H. Green, 87 (87); J. H. Green, 88 (88); J. H. Green, 89 (89); J. H. Green, 90 (90); J. H. Green, 91 (91); J. H. Green, 92 (92); J. H. Green, 93 (93); J. H. Green, 94 (94); J. H. Green, 95 (95); J. H. Green, 96 (96); J. H. Green, 97 (97); J. H. Green, 98 (98); J. H. Green, 99 (99); J. H. Green, 100 (100); J. H. Green, 101 (101); J. H. Green, 102 (102); J. H. Green, 103 (103); J. H. Green, 104 (104); J. H. Green, 105 (105); J. H. Green, 106 (106); J. H. 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Epic sealed in majestic style

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PETER Blake and his victorious crew sailed their New Zealand ketch *Steinlager 2* majestically back into the Solent yesterday to win the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race by an equally majestic 36 hours.

Running the gauntlet through an armada of over-eager well wishers that at times threatened to ram the 84ft red yacht, Blake's crew crossed the line off Ocean Village in Southampton Water at 5.23pm, to win this final 3,300-mile stage from Fort Lauderdale by 36 minutes from their New Zealand rivals on *Fisher & Paykel*.

The previous night, the two yachts had been level until Grant Dalton and his crew fell victim to a hole in the wind off Plymouth, leaving *Steinlager* to shoot on through the still air to build up a five-mile lead by day-break.

This was Blake's sixth successive stage-win, but though he and his crew have dominated this 33,000-mile circumnavigation since leading the fleet out of the Solent last September, the jinx that has robbed him of overall honours during four previous circumnavigations came close to striking again just four days out from the Florida stop-over.

The skipper, aged 41, who lives at Emsworth, Hampshire, reported yesterday that they came close to being dismasted when the port chain plate holding the mizzen shroud and running backstay support to the yacht's main mast suddenly failed. Blake said: "There was a loud bang and the mizzen mast started swaying like a piece of spaghetti."

The situation was saved only by the split-second reactions of the crew, who threw the boat into a crash gybe to transfer the strain to the opposite rigging. Had they hesitated, the unsupported mainmast would have plunged forward over the yacht and carried the mizzen mast with it.

The crash gybe prevented this and the crew later managed to jury-rig a new fitting by taking a main engine bearer from beneath the engine and bolting it to the inside of the yacht to relieve the strain on the failed fitting. The damage forced the crew to be over-cautious in heavy winds and worry each time they tacked.

Yesterday, the only clues to this drama were two supporting lines of red rope attached to the ends of *Steinlager's* mizzen spreaders and tied down to her deck, but judging by the relief in Blake's face as he finally crossed the finish line, he was pleased it was all over.

"This has been the hardest race because of the strength of competition," he said, after his exuberant crew had bathed

him in beer. "This last leg was not pleasant sailing because of all the problems."

Steinlager is the fourth yacht to suffer serious rig damage during this testing final leg. The Italian maxi, *Gatorade*, suffered a broken top spreader, a diagonal shroud cost Lawrie Smith's British challenger, *Rothmans*, the lead, Saipote British Defender was dismasted and on Sunday, the third-placed Swiss maxi, *Merit*, suffered a broken stay.

Last night, Blake, whose driving ambition during the past 17 years has been to win the Whitbread race, and who is the only man to have competed in all five classics, was unsure whether he would now hang his sea boots up.

Although he has been adamant throughout that this fifth Whitbread would be his last, when he was asked the inevitable question on arrival his answer was not quite so certain. "I'm going to take a year-long holiday, then decide whether to race again."

Back in New Zealand, the celebrations began with a vengeance after their yachts took first and second place overall. It is a remarkable achievement for such a small sailing nation.

The race was won during the first leg, when a 50-knot gale off Cape Finisterre decimated the fleet. *Steinlager* and *Rothmans*, which led at the time, ran off on opposite gybes, with Blake choosing to steer a course out into mid-Atlantic while Smith took the more direct route down the Portuguese coast.

Steinlager went on to win the stage to Uruguay by more than 12 hours, leaving *Rothmans* to struggle in with a split deck and the *Fisher & Paykel* crew to cope with a broken mizzen mast. From that point on, there has been little to divide the first four yachts.

Last night *Merit* was expected to take third place overall, after pulling 50 miles ahead of *Rothmans* during the final stage up the English Channel.

RESULTS: Leg Six: Final division: 1. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 2. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 3. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 4. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 5. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 6. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 7. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 8. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 9. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 10. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 11. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 12. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 13. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 14. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 15. *Steinlager 2* (P Blake, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 16. *Fisher & Paykel* (S Dalton, NZ), 17 days 10 hours 23 minutes; 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